SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 101

In Memory of Rosalie Richter Bolner

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of San Antonio civic leader, philanthropist, musician, and businesswoman Rosalie Richter Bolner, who died November 18, 2008, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, Rosalie Richter was born in San Antonio on June 6, 1929, to Otto and Aleen Richter; she met Clifton J. Bolner when they were both elementary school students, and they were married at Saint Mary's Church on January 26, 1949; and

WHEREAS, Family and food were central to Rosalie's life, and she often recalled with fondness the smell of the freshly baked Richter's Butter Krust bread brought home daily from the family bakery; she and her husband founded Bolner's Fiesta Spices, and she worked avidly developing unique seasoning recipes for the business; and

WHEREAS, She was active in her children's school activities when they were young and continued her service to local Catholic schools volunteering, serving on boards and committees, and organizing the food at church and school festivals and charity fund-raisers; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, she was involved in numerous civic activities, and many organizations in San Antonio have benefited from her service and generosity; she served as a trustee on the board of Santa Rosa Children's Hospital and as president of Saint Monica's Guild; and

WHEREAS, She began studying keyboards as a child, continued her music studies in college and graduated magna cum laude from Our Lady of the Lake University; an accomplished musician for 65 years, she played the organ at many masses and weddings, performed piano concertos, and sang with the Mastersingers; and

WHEREAS, She continued her affiliation with Our Lady of the Lake University as a major contributor and a 30-year member of its board of trustees; the Oblate Priests of Mary Immaculate were an integral part of her life, and she was an honorary lifetime member of the Oblate Associates; she was a member of the Saint Patrick's Holy Family Guild for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, A woman of uncommon grace and beauty, Rosalie Bolner enriched the lives of all who knew her with her warmth, her compassion for others, and her enthusiasm for life; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Rosalie Richter Bolner and extend sincere condolences to her bereaved family: her husband, Clifton J. Bolner; her children, Tim and Judy Bolner, Mike and Mary Pat Bolner, Debbie Bolner Prost, Cindy and David Meeh, Beverly Bolner, Chris and Magdalena Bolner, and Mary Bolner; her brothers and sisters, Barbara and Anton Hajek, Joan and Pat Kennedy, Patty and Otto Richter, Jr., and Tommy and Joy Richter; and her 19 grandchildren; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rosalie Richter Bolner.

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 2, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate