

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 418

In Memory
of
Fay Sinkin

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Fay Sinkin, who died March 4, 2009, at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, A civic leader and pioneering environmental activist, Fay Sinkin played an important role for more than half a century in efforts to improve the City of San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, A native of New York, Mrs. Sinkin moved to San Antonio in 1942 to marry Bill Sinkin; the couple was instrumental in organizing HemisFair '68; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Sinkin organized a successful movement to desegregate restaurants in San Antonio, and Mrs. Sinkin, who had served as president of the League of Women Voters in 1947, was instrumental in helping President Lyndon B. Johnson find and hire minority applicants to fill embassy positions; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sinkin broke the gender barrier in many organizations over the course of her life; she was the first woman to serve on the San Antonio Board of Health, the first woman to serve on a Bexar County grand jury, and the first woman to be elected by Bexar County to the Edwards Underground Water District; and

WHEREAS, Along with her husband, Mrs. Sinkin organized a program called Portrait of the American Woman that promoted minority women; she also had a part in organizing an urban coalition that enabled students from inner-city schools and wealthier districts to interact with one another; and

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WHEREAS, A woman of courage, determination, and unbending principle, Mrs. Sinkin gave generously to others, and her wisdom, her warmth, and her commitment to equal rights for all will not be forgotten by those who knew her; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Fay Sinkin; 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 Fay Sinkin.

Van de Putte, Uresti

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 16, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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