

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 595

In Memory
of
Julia Joseph Sawyer

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Julia Joseph Sawyer, who died March 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Born in Austin to Joseph Joseph and Sophie Daywood, Julia Joseph lived her life to the fullest and was a source of strength to others; and

WHEREAS, At an early age, Julia showed her entrepreneurship; when she was 18 years old, she and her brother opened Dixie Cream Donuts; she delivered donuts by driving a truck around Austin, and she soon became known as the "Donut Girl"; and

WHEREAS, Julia married Charles D. Sawyer, Jr., and after World War II, the couple opened and operated Sonny's Place, also called the "rock tavern," on Rosewood Avenue in Austin's Eastside; and

WHEREAS, Charles passed away in July of 1953, and Julia dedicated her life to her work as a homemaker and to raising her three children; she was also a successful business woman who worked hard in her tavern and encouraged others to open their own businesses; and

WHEREAS, A devout Catholic, Julia was a founder and benefactor of Our Lady's Maronite Parish, where she was a trustee and a member of the Altar Society; at the National Maronite Convention in San Diego in 2005, she was awarded the Gold Massabki Award for her work in the Diocese of Our Lady of Lebanon; she was a permanent member of the Order of Saint Sharbel; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary lady, Julia was respected in the community for her many accomplishments; known for her compassion and generosity, Julia gave unselfishly of her time and energy to others, and her wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew her; and

WHEREAS, Julia Sawyer was beloved by her family and friends, and she leaves behind memories that will be deeply treasured by all who were privileged to share in her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Julia Joseph Sawyer; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of 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 Julia Joseph Sawyer.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 7, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate