

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 750

In Memory  
of  
Gina Rifino Ducloux

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Gina Rifino Ducloux, who died April 15, 2009, at the age of 85; and

**WHEREAS**, Gina Ducloux was born June 24, 1923, in New Jersey; she excelled as a student and exhibited outstanding musical ability at a young age, performing operatic voice recitals as a teenager; and

**WHEREAS**, She earned a voice scholarship to the University of New Hampshire, where she met her husband, Walter Ducloux, a professor at the university and an NBC Symphony Orchestra assistant conductor; they were married for 53 years; and

**WHEREAS**, The couple pursued their artistic calling in such diverse places as Prague, New York City, and Los Angeles before moving to Austin in 1968, where they developed the opera and symphony at The University of Texas; Mrs. Ducloux, along with her husband, and with the tremendous support of the community, founded the Austin Lyric Opera in 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Ducloux was a dedicated and inspirational voice teacher and vocal coach, and her high school students routinely won top prizes in University Interscholastic League competitions; she was noted for her ability to teach foreign language musical diction and was in great demand at such events as the Mozart Festival in Salzburg, Austria, where she taught as recently as 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, A woman of elegance, graciousness, and generosity, Mrs. Ducloux gave unselfishly to others, and her charm, wisdom, and enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten by those who knew her; and

**WHEREAS**, She was a devoted mother and grandmother, and her family and many friends will continue to live with the cherished memories of her life and her many achievements; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Gina Rifino Ducloux: her daughter and son-in-law, Denise Brink and Howard; her sons and daughters-in-law, Claude and Susan Ducloux and Philip and Summer Ducloux; and her grandchildren, Simone, Christopher, Daniel, Dominique, and Zoe; and, be it further

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**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 Gina Rifino Ducloux.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 28, 2009, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate