

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 855

In Memory  
of  
Marika Govatos

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Corpus Christi in mourning the loss of Marika Govatos, who died March 30, 2009, at the age of 96; and

**WHEREAS**, Marika Govatos was born June 17, 1912, in Greece; she was the youngest of many siblings in a large landowning family that had been active in the production of olives for nearly 200 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Educated at a boarding school in the provincial capital of Molai, she resolved at an early age to move to America, where she had numerous relatives; in 1938, she married John Govatos, the owner of the well-known Pier Cafe and co-owner of the Nixon Cafe; and

**WHEREAS**, Devoted to her family, Mrs. Govatos was dedicated to her work as a homemaker and was a talented gardener who earned more awards for her gardens than have ever been given to any other Corpus Christi citizen; and

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary lady of strong character, Marika was respected in the community for her exceptional accomplishments; when left a widow at the age of 56, she took control as owner of the Wilson Building Sandwich Shop and operated it successfully for the next 15 years; and

**WHEREAS**, She was an enthusiastic world traveler and was interested in European and American antiques and Greek cooking; she was a founder of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and was a member of its Delphi Club for over 65 years; now, therefore, be it

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 6, 2009, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate