

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 940

In Memory
of
Mary Immaculate Gentemann

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Sister Mary Immaculate Gentemann, who died April 14, 2009, at the age of 101; and

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Immaculate Gentemann was born June 12, 1907, in Fredericksburg; she became a Sister of Divine Providence at the age of 20 and embarked upon a long and productive ministerial life in the field of education; and

WHEREAS, After holding positions as a teacher in San Antonio and Yoakum, Sister Mary Immaculate earned a bachelor's degree from Our Lady of the Lake College and a master's degree from Catholic University in Washington, D.C.; she went on to become the first full-time student from a religious congregation of women to attend the New York School of Social Service in New York City; and

WHEREAS, In 1943 Sister Mary Immaculate returned to San Antonio and created the Madonna Neighborhood Center; she later founded the Worden School of Social Service at Our Lady of the Lake University and served as its first dean, a position she held for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Immaculate continued her ministry well past the age when many retire from public life, helping to form the Weekend College program at Our Lady of the Lake University in 1990; in honor of her manifest service and

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leadership, on her 100th birthday the university created the Sister Immaculate Gentemann Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, A woman of courage, intellect, and a deep abiding faith, Sister Mary Immaculate gave generously to others, and her wisdom, devotion, and commitment to her ministry will not be forgotten by those 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 and friends of Sister Mary Immaculate Gentemann; 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 Sister Mary Immaculate Gentemann.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate