

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 988

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Jean Agnes Smith and the late William Dale "Bill" Matthews for their many achievements and their dedication to the Corpus Christi community; and

WHEREAS, Jean Smith and Bill Matthews devoted years of their lives to serving the people of their adopted hometown of Corpus Christi; both born in Moline, Illinois, they both attended Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, where Bill studied economics and Jean studied psychology and education; and

WHEREAS, During her college years, Jean was voted one of the "50 Most Beautiful College Girls of 1941" and was featured in *Look* magazine; they were married in 1942 in Corpus Christi, where Bill was stationed with the United States Navy, and they enjoyed 66 years of shared happiness and love; and

WHEREAS, Jean taught for 20 years at Woodlawn Elementary School and Tom Brown Junior High School, and she is blessed with great talent in calligraphy, knitting, sewing, and embroidery; and

WHEREAS, Bill Matthews served the nation for many years as a member of the United States Navy, including service in World War II; he logged 8,000 hours of flight during his 20 years of service and retired in 1962 with the rank of lieutenant commander; and

WHEREAS, Jean Smith and Bill Matthews were active in numerous civic and church activities, and together they maintained

the rose garden at First Presbyterian Church for 12 years; they loved sailing in the bay, where Bill would entertain guests with his favorite poem, *Lasca*; and

WHEREAS, Exemplary citizens and an inspiration to all, Jean Smith and Bill Matthews have enriched the Corpus Christi community with their engaging love of the region, their volunteer activities, and their enthusiasm for living life to the fullest; they are truly deserving of recognition for their devotion and their many contributions to their community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend and honor Jean Agnes Smith and William Dale "Bill" Matthews on their dedication to their community; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in their honor as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 23, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate