

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 125

In Memory  
of  
Maurine Viola Gustafson Kocurek

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Maurine Viola Gustafson Kocurek, who died June 17, 2011, at the age of 98; and

**WHEREAS,** Maurine Viola Gustafson Kocurek was born November 25, 1912, in rural Travis County to Ida and Carl Gustafson; she moved with her family to Austin at a young age and went on to graduate from Austin High School, earning both academic and commercial diplomas; and

**WHEREAS,** She married Willie Kocurek, the love of her life, in 1934, and the couple raised two children, Neal and Kay; a firm believer in the value of education, she played a vital role in her children's schooling and extracurricular activities, serving as president of the Parent Teacher Association and participating in Brownies and Cub Scouts; and

**WHEREAS,** Mrs. Kocurek was instrumental in helping her husband start his business, the Willie Kocurek Company, and she later provided invaluable support when he returned to The University of Texas at Austin to study law; and

**WHEREAS,** Active in community and civic affairs, Mrs. Kocurek was founding president of the Lions' Ladies Luncheon Club and a life member of the Austin Women's Club; she was a member of the advisory board of the Austin Community College Senior Academy and was named Outstanding Citizen in 1989 by the Adult Services Council of Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Kocurek was a devout Christian who practiced her faith in her daily life; she was a member of University United Methodist Church, where she served on the administrative board and the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee and was a member of the Fellowship Forum Sunday School class; and

**WHEREAS**, A woman of strength, compassion, and warmth, she gave unselfishly to others, and her wisdom and her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten by those who knew her; and

**WHEREAS**, She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and although she will be deeply missed by her family and countless friends, she will continue to live in their hearts and minds for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Maurine Viola Gustafson Kocurek; 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 Maurine Viola Gustafson Kocurek.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 28, 2011, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate