SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 121

In Memory of Geraldine Traugott

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Geraldine "Jerry" Traugott, who died March 17, 2010, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Geraldine Traugott was born July 9, 1923, to Leoba Sharper and Arthur George Roemer; a lifelong resident of San Antonio, she attended Saint Gerard's and Saint Martin Hall Elementary Schools and Our Lady of the Lake High School and College; and

WHEREAS, She married her husband, the late Daniel Frederick Traugott, on April 21, 1943, just prior to his deployment to serve the nation in World War II; following his return from the war, she served as the chief campaign manager for each of his five successful bids for county commissioner, and after his death, in 1989, she took over and ran his three businesses until 2005; and

WHEREAS, A natural leader, Mrs. Traugott was active in numerous religious and civic organizations, including Kappa Sigma Phi Sorority, Our Lady of the Lake Alumni Association, the Good Earth Garden Club, the San Antonio Symphony League, and the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women; among the highlights of her life were her induction into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and achieving its highest rank, Lady Grand Cross; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Traugott had a passion for bridge that lasted throughout her life; she played monthly with her original bridge club, a group that has been together for more than 60 years, and she also played every Saturday and participated in the Symphony Bridge Marathon; and

WHEREAS, A woman of courage, strength, and compassion, she gave unselfishly to others, and her radiant spirit, her commitment to her family, and her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and her family and many friends will long cherish the memories of her life and her many achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Geraldine Traugott: her children and their spouses, Tyler and Sybil Traugott, Kathryn Wilson, Pony and Larry Karam, Roemer and Willette Traugott, and Lisa and Raul Contreras; her sister, Patricia Loretta Barnes; her six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews; 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 Geraldine Traugott.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 26, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate