

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 368

In Memory
of
Micheline Trigaci Kay

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Micheline Trigaci Kay, who died February 16, 2011, at the age of 66; and

WHEREAS, Born December 2, 1944, in Cairo, Egypt, Michele lived in London, Hong Kong, Saigon, San Francisco, Paris, Tel Aviv, New York, Dallas, and Austin; well-traveled and fiercely independent, she met her challenges throughout her life with courage, honesty, and humor; and

WHEREAS, Michele's first language was French; she learned English at the age of 12 while living in London after her family was exiled from Egypt; as a teenager, she hitchhiked across India and Europe; at the age of 20, she married Keith Kay, and the couple had two children, Deborah and Warren; and

WHEREAS, Michele led a remarkable life, personally and professionally; her professional life was grounded in journalism and included stints in politics, business, and community leadership; her career as an international journalist began at the age of 17, when she served as a reporter for the *Hong Kong Standard*; she later served as an editor and a columnist for the *Dallas-Fort Worth Business Journal* and was an editor for *Texas Business Magazine*; and

WHEREAS, Michele moved to Austin in 1988 and held various posts with the *Austin American-Statesman*; her work included serving as a business editor, an editorial writer, a Washington correspondent, and a Texas Capitol reporter; she obtained her United States citizenship in 1997 and married her beloved Robert Schultz in January of 1999; and

WHEREAS, In her late 50s, Michele attended Saint Edward's University, where she earned her bachelor's degree; she went on to earn her master's degree from the university in 2005 and then served as an assistant journalism professor and as a school newspaper adviser; she was beloved by her students and fellow faculty members and was respected for her many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Michele was also an exemplary community leader who served on The Nature Conservancy of Texas Advisory Council and on the board of directors for the Austin Playhouse; she was a member of the Open Forum Club, the Tuesday Club, and the Writers' League of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Michele was a source of inspiration to others during the course of her illness, which she faced with determination and courage; a woman of uncommon strength and wisdom, she gave unselfishly of her time to her family and friends, and she will forever be remembered with deepest appreciation and affection by all who were privileged to share in her life; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Micheline Trigaci Kay: her husband, Robert Schultz; her children, Deborah and Warren; her brother, Jean Pierre Trigaci; and her five grandchildren; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of 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 Michele Kay.

Watson

President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate