

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 403

In Memory  
of  
Emma Jackson Long

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of civic icon Emma Jackson Long, who died January 16, 2011, at the age of 98; and

**WHEREAS**, Emma Long was born February 29, 1912, in the Texas Panhandle town of Lefors; she graduated with honors from high school in Hereford before going on to earn a degree from The University of Texas, where she met and married her husband, the late Stuart Long; and

**WHEREAS**, Following World War II, she and her husband founded the Long News Service at the Texas Capitol, which provided news coverage to numerous state and national publications, including the *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, and *Time*; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Long broke the gender barrier in Austin politics with her election to the city council in 1948; she was an unabashed liberal who fought for integration and for the rights of working people; and

**WHEREAS**, As a councilmember, Mrs. Long pushed for an overhaul of the city charter and sought salary increases for police and firefighters; she helped to integrate Lions Municipal Golf Course and the city's main library in the 1950s and worked to prohibit racial discrimination in housing; and

**WHEREAS**, She and her husband were longtime friends and supporters of President Lyndon Johnson, and she served as the United States representative to the World Population Commission in Geneva at his request; she was a delegate to numerous state and

national Democratic Party conventions and served as a mentor to aspiring politicians; and

**WHEREAS**, Soft-spoken but tenacious, she fought tirelessly for the equal treatment of all, and her legacy of compassion and hard work was acknowledged when City Park was renamed Emma Long Metropolitan Park in her honor; and

**WHEREAS**, A woman of courage, strength, and unbridled energy, she gave unselfishly to the city she loved, and her wisdom, her commitment to equal rights for everyone, 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 she leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by her family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family and friends of Emma Jackson Long; 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 Emma Long.

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President of the Senate

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

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate