

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 423

In Memory
of
Tracy Lewis Curtis

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Tracy Lewis Curtis, who died January 28, 2011, at the age of 67; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Curtis was born May 11, 1943, on Coronado Island, California; she grew up in Amarillo and graduated from Amarillo High School before going on to earn a degree in history from The University of Texas in 1965; and

WHEREAS, She returned to Austin in 1974 and became the first director of promotions at *Texas Monthly*, where she met Gregory Curtis; the couple married in 1975, and began a life of love and mutual respect together; and

WHEREAS, She was completely devoted to her children, willing to leave work at a moment's notice to attend to their needs; firm but generous, she served as their best friend and confidant throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, She was a gracious hostess with renowned cooking skills and the ability to make each guest feel special; her devoted circle of friends included her book club, her Monday breakfast group, and the memorable Jelly Girls of Mississippi; she was also active in community affairs as a member of the Junior League, the altar guild at All Saints' Episcopal Church and the board of Saint Andrews School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Curtis had an entrepreneurial spirit and created several businesses, including a cooking school for children and a service that shepherded authors throughout the

city on book tours; later in life, she returned to school and earned a degree in interior design; she became a member of the American Society of Interior Designers and founded 3 Fold Design, an award-winning firm; and

WHEREAS, A woman of courage, strength, and compassion, she gave unselfishly to others, and her graciousness, her unerring sense of style, and her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten by those who knew her; and

WHEREAS, A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, she leaves behind countless treasured 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 Tracy Lewis Curtis: her husband, Gregory Curtis; her children, Elizabeth Essary White, Ann Quentin White, Vivian Reed Potterf, and Gregory Benson Curtis, Jr.; her mother, Shirley Oliver Lewis; her sister, Sally Strickland; and her three grandchildren; 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 Tracy Lewis Curtis.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 2, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate