

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 859**

**In Memory  
of  
Elizabeth Anne Smith Jones**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Elizabeth Anne Smith Jones, who died April 25, 2011, at the age of 83; and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth Anne Smith Jones was an exemplary citizen who was widely respected and admired in her community for her many achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, She was born February 28, 1928, in Dallas, to Lura May Aldridge Smith and James Oscar Smith, Sr.; she graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas and attended Southern Methodist University during World War II; she married J. Grant Jones on August 21, 1948, and the couple raised two children, who blessed them with three grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Jones was a warm and compassionate homemaker and a dedicated civic volunteer; she served on the board of the YMCA and as president of the Junior League of Abilene; and

**WHEREAS**, She provided invaluable support to her husband while he served in the Texas Senate, and she was a member of the Senate Ladies Club during their time in Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, She was a woman of many talents and interests and greatly enjoyed being an airplane pilot and seeing the country; she also enjoyed traveling the world, and she owned and managed the Phoenix Collection, a specialty store in Abilene; and

**WHEREAS**, A devout Christian who practiced her faith in her daily life, Mrs. Jones was active in Saint Paul's Methodist Church in Abilene, where she sang in the choir; she later attended Christ Episcopal Church in Temple; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Jones will be remembered for her graciousness, her enthusiasm, and her generosity of spirit, and she will continue to live in the hearts and minds of those she left behind; and

**WHEREAS**, A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, she was beloved by her family and friends, and she leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by all those who were privileged to share in her life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Elizabeth Anne Smith Jones: her husband, J. Grant Jones; her children, Morgan A. Jones and Janet T. Jones Pliego; and her grandchildren, Jonathan J. Pliego, Morgan J. Pliego, and Melia Caitlyn Jones; 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 Elizabeth Anne Smith Jones.

Whitmire

Birdwell	Harris	Rodriguez
Carona	Hegar	Seliger
Davis	Hinojosa	Shapiro
Deuell	Huffman	Uresti
Duncan	Jackson	Van de Putte
Ellis	Lucio	Watson
Eltife	Nelson	Wentworth
Estes	Nichols	West
Fraser	Ogden	Williams
Gallegos	Patrick	Zaffirini

Dewhurst, President of the Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 27, 2011, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate