

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 862

In Memory
of
Peggy Jo Mason

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Harris County in mourning the loss of Peggy Jo Mason, who died January 23, 2011, at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, Peggy was born on October 12, 1937, in Alta Loma, Texas; at the age of 13, she moved with her family to Newton; and

WHEREAS, Following her graduation from Newton High School in May of 1955, Peggy married her high school sweetheart, Charles Mason; the couple moved to Houston when Peggy found a position with a Houston bank; and

WHEREAS, Peggy worked for many years in both small and large businesses in several industries in the private sector, gaining valuable professional business experience and management skills; she also became active in the Republican Party and served as president of the Northwest Forest Republican Women's Club in the early 1990s; and

WHEREAS, Because of her strong background in office management, she was recruited to help modernize the Harris County District Clerk's Office, where she worked until she was asked to join the office of the Harris County tax assessor-collector for similar reasons; and

WHEREAS, Peggy retired in 2001, only to later return to work as the taxpayer liaison officer for the Harris County Appraisal District, recruited again by a former employer who knew of her extraordinary capabilities, her dedication to public service, and her record of success in facing unique and complex challenges; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary lady, she was highly respected by her employers for her skills and dedication; she was also known as a leader in the community who gave willingly of her time and energy to a number of causes; she was involved in Boy Scouts of America programs when her sons were growing up, and throughout her life, she was active in the American Cancer Society; and

WHEREAS, Peggy was beloved by many, and her courage in the face of her illness was exemplary and a source of inspiration to all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, A woman of integrity, strength, and generosity, she gave unselfishly to others, and she will be greatly missed by all 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 Peggy Jo Mason: her husband, Charles Mason; her sons, Mike, Tony, and Tracey; her brother, Dick McMullen; her sister, Emily Sharki; and her four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; 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 Peggy Mason.

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President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate