

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

In Memory
of
Martin Joseph Jones

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Sister Martin Joseph Jones, who died April 29, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Born in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1923, Martin Joseph Jones grew up in Houston and graduated from John H. Reagan High School in 1941; in 1943, she entered the Sisters of Saint Mary of Namur, and she pronounced her vows in 1952; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman dedicated 70 years of her life to the Sisters of Saint Mary of Namur and was highly esteemed as an educator, archivist, and librarian; and

WHEREAS, Sister Martin received a bachelor's degree from Our Lady of Victory College in Fort Worth and taught at parochial schools until she was asked to prepare for a new stage in her career of service; and

WHEREAS, She earned a master's degree in library science from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., in 1956 in order to become the first librarian at the University of Dallas, where she served for six years; she then established the library at Nolan High School and served there for seven years; and

WHEREAS, She taught for a year in Kenmore, New York, and then returned to her work as a librarian; she worked in the library of the State University of New York at Buffalo for more than 26 years and served there as head of archives, Special

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Collections, for two decades; during this time, she also helped to organize the archives for the Sisters of Saint Mary Generalate in Namur, Belgium, and for the Buffalo Diocese; and

WHEREAS, Sister Martin was a warm and caring person whose outgoing nature and enthusiasm for life were inspiring; during her 70-year career, her love for knowledge and her commitment to her faith had a profound impact on all those who encountered her; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Sister Martin Joseph Jones; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her loved ones as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sister Martin Joseph Jones.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 6, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate