

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 26

In Memory  
of  
Ruth Carter Stevenson

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of noted philanthropist and arts patron Ruth Carter Stevenson, who died January 6, 2013, at the age of 89; and

**WHEREAS**, Ruth Carter was born October 19, 1923, the daughter of oilman and *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* publisher Amon Carter, Sr.; she grew up in Fort Worth, where her childhood remembrances included visits from such luminaries as President Franklin Roosevelt, Will Rogers, and Charles Lindbergh; she attended Arlington Heights High School before entering Sarah Lawrence College, where she majored in chemistry and studied art history; and

**WHEREAS**, After the death of her father in 1955, the responsibility of carrying out his wishes to create a museum to house his extensive art collection fell to Ruth; she collaborated with famed architect Philip Johnson to create the Amon Carter Museum of American Art, which opened in 1961 and has since become one of the foremost museums in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Under her leadership, the museum expanded its focus beyond the western art favored by her father and acquired a collection considered among the finest in the world; among the exhibits that helped give rise to the museum's prominence was a 1966 retrospective of the work of Georgia O'Keeffe; the two women began a close friendship, which lasted until the artist's death in 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, Through the years, Ruth Carter Stevenson became a valued civic leader in the Fort Worth community; she founded the Arts Council of Fort Worth and Tarrant County and served on the board of the Fort Worth City Art Commission, and she was a member of The University of Texas Board of Regents; she received the International Award of Excellence in Conservation from the Botanical Research Institute of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Ruth Carter Stevenson was a woman of great vision, elegance, and determination whose leadership and passion for art have enriched the Fort Worth community and will serve as an inspiration for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, She was devoted to her family, and she leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by all who were privileged to share in her life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Ruth Carter Stevenson; 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 Ruth Carter Stevenson.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 23, 2013, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate