

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 383

In Memory
of
Nancy Flake

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of noted journalist Nancy Flake, who died February 12, 2013, at the age of 56; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Flake was born May 10, 1956, in Oklahoma; throughout her life, she continued to celebrate her ties to her home state by rooting for the Oklahoma Sooners football team; and

WHEREAS, She joined the staff of the *Courier*, a product of the Houston Community Newspapers, in 1997 as an advertorial writer and restaurant critic; she quickly rose to the position of news reporter and developed a reputation for persistence and resolve; she covered the local news of Montgomery County as well as state politics and their effect on the area; and

WHEREAS, Known for her professionalism, her unmatched work ethic, and her determination to give a thorough and balanced view of the news, she was particularly drawn to education coverage; she received the Alafair Hammett Media Award from the Association of Texas Professional Educators for her outstanding work promoting public education in the state; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work as a reporter, she served the *Courier* as city editor and eventually became the newspaper's managing editor; she was honored by the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors for her feature story of a local high school graduate who had set records in the United States Air Force for refueling troop transport and cargo planes; and

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WHEREAS, A woman of courage, strength, and compassion, she gave unselfishly to others, and her sense of humor and her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, She was a devoted mother to her sons, Mason and Martin, and she leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by her family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Nancy Flake; 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 Nancy Flake.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 4, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate