

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 419

**In Memory
of
Karen E. Gray**

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Balch Springs in mourning the loss of longtime city council member Karen E. Gray, who died February 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Karen Gray was an exceptional public servant whose dedication, professionalism, and determination to do the right thing had a profound impact on her community; and

WHEREAS, Karen Gray moved to Balch Springs as a young woman and soon became active in the life of the city she adopted as her hometown; she served as a volunteer for numerous organizations in addition to her work in public service; and

WHEREAS, Karen served for three terms on the city council, and during her tenure, she focused her efforts on ensuring that the city remained fiscally sound; she also served on the Dallas County Water Control and Improvement District 6 Board of Directors, the Balch Springs Planning and Zoning Commission, the Civil Service Commission, and the Animal Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, A woman of integrity, kindness, and courage, she earned the respect and admiration of her colleagues and area citizens, and her generous spirit and enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten by those 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 and friends of Karen E. Gray; 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 Karen Gray.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 12, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate