

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 491

In Memory
of
Deborah Van Dormolen

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Salado in mourning the loss of Deborah "Borah" Van Dormolen, who died March 11, 2013, at the age of 61; and

WHEREAS, Borah Van Dormolen was an exemplary citizen whose selflessness, courage, leadership, and devotion to duty were inspirational to all who knew her; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Borah Van Dormolen served the nation with distinction in the United States Army for 23 years; her service included a number of command, staff, and leadership positions, and she was one of the first female professors at the United States Military Academy at West Point, where she played an important role in building morale and helping female cadets assimilate into the life of the academy; and

WHEREAS, She also served as commander of logistics operations units for the army's most powerful formations, including the famed 1st Cavalry Division and the 13th Corps Support Command; she retired in 1997 with the rank of lieutenant colonel; and

WHEREAS, Along with her husband, retired Lieutenant Colonel Rich Castle, she established Design Technology Group, Incorporated, a successful manufacturing and marketing firm that makes outdoor stainless steel electric grills; and

WHEREAS, She was a highly respected active leader in Republican Party politics and served as the Republican National Committeewoman for Texas; she held numerous offices with the Texas Federation of Republican Women, including serving as its president; and

WHEREAS, She led several campaign management seminars for the National Federation of Republican Women and served on the staff of State Representative Kent Grusendorf; she had recently been elected to represent Texas on the rules committee of the Republican National Committee; and

WHEREAS, The many community organizations to which she donated her time and talent included the Texas Council of Chapters of the Military Officers Association of America, the Rotary Club of Salado, and the Board of Governors for the Fort Hood Chapter of the Association of the United States Army; she was an endowment member of the National Rifle Association and the Texas State Rifle Association; and

WHEREAS, A woman of courage, strength, and compassion, she gave generously of herself to her country and her state, and her wisdom, her patriotism and devotion to duty, and her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten; 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 Deborah Van Dormolen; 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 Borah Van Dormolen.

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Birdwell	Estes	Patrick
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Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 19, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate