

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 515

In Memory  
of  
Mary Margaret Farabee

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Mary Margaret Farabee, who died March 3, 2013, at the age of 73; and

**WHEREAS,** A native of Dallas, Mrs. Farabee attended The University of Texas at Austin, where her student activities ranged from membership in the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority to participation in protests against racial discrimination; she graduated with honors in 1961; and

**WHEREAS,** After her graduation, she took a job at the Austin State Hospital, where she met her first husband, Dr. James Albright; she later returned to The University of Texas and earned a master's degree in American Studies before working at a variety of jobs, including positions with the Texas State Historical Association and the Texas Senate; and

**WHEREAS,** She went on to serve as director of volunteer services at Seton Hospital, senior vice president at United Bank, and vice president for development at KLRU-TV; she married former state senator Ray Farabee in 1991, and the couple created a home together filled with books and art; and

**WHEREAS,** Mrs. Farabee had throughout her life been active as a volunteer, spearheading the restoration of the Paramount Theater and playing a vital role in the commissioning of Philosophers' Rock, but beginning in 1991, she made volunteerism a full-time calling; and

**WHEREAS,** Mrs. Farabee joined Texas First Lady Laura Bush to cofound the Texas Book Festival, and she chaired its board of directors for eight years; she was a passionate supporter of the *Texas Observer* and played an important part in the creation of the magazine's Molly National Journalism Prize, named in honor of the late Molly Ivins; and

**WHEREAS,** She served on the boards of numerous organizations, including the University of Texas Press, the People's Community Clinic, the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders, and the Dell Children's Blood and Cancer Center; and

**WHEREAS,** Mrs. Farabee was a woman of compassion, grace, and generosity whose sense of adventure and enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest were an inspiration to all those who were privileged to share in her life; and

**WHEREAS,** A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, 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 Mary Margaret Farabee; 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 Mary Margaret Farabee.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2013, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate