

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 772

In Memory
of
Lilian Norman Keeney

WHEREAS, The citizens of Taylor Lake Village lost an esteemed community leader with the passing of Mayor-elect Lilian Norman Keeney on April 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1938 in Gateshead, England, Lilian Keeney attended Newcastle University; she later immigrated to America, where she went on to become the owner of the Norman Insurance Agency; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Keeney had distinguished herself on the Taylor Lake Village City Council and as mayor pro tem before her recent election as mayor; her leadership was also acknowledged at the statewide level when she was appointed as a commissioner of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation by Governor Rick Perry in 2005, and she was reappointed to that post in 2011; and

WHEREAS, A committed member of the Republican Party, Mrs. Keeney was a three-time delegate or alternate to the party's national convention; she served as president of the Bay Area Republican Women, which honored her with two awards, and she was a district director of the Texas Federation of Republican Women; for her efforts, she was named the Senate District 11 Volunteer of the Year by the state party in both 2007 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Keeney also found time to serve as vice president and program chair of the Houston Symphony League Bay Area and as a member of the Museum Guild of Clear Lake; active in the Daughters of the British Empire, she further contributed her time and talent to support Mountbatten House, a home for the elderly; in addition, she was a faithful member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Keeney enjoyed the love and affection of her husband, Jon, and she was devoted to her sons, David and Jeff; over the years, she delighted in welcoming six granddaughters into her family; and

WHEREAS, Lilian Keeney served as an inspiring role model to many, and she leaves behind a legacy that will be forever treasured by all those who were fortunate enough to know her; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Lilian Norman Keeney and extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her husband, Jon Keeney; to her sons, Jeff Norman and his wife, Elizabeth, and David Norman and his wife, Bonnie; to her stepdaughter, Laura Keeney Spalding, and her husband, Charlie; to her granddaughters, Katelyn, Rachel, Anne, and Emily Norman and Matti and Ellie Spalding; and to her other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lilian Norman Keeney.

Taylor

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 29, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate