

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 793

In Memory
of
Adrienne Keen McFarland

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Adrienne Keen McFarland, who died March 9, 2013, at the age of 61; and

WHEREAS, Adrienne McFarland was a treasured citizen whose many contributions to her family, friends, community, and state served as an inspiration to all those who knew her; and

WHEREAS, Adrienne graduated from Coronado High School in El Paso at the age of 16; she was married to her husband, Bill McFarland, for nearly 44 years, and the couple raised two children, Joel and Joanna, and was blessed with four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Her professional and storied career included stints at the Office of the Dean of Students at The University of Texas at Austin, the *Westlake Picayune*, and the Frank Erwin Special Events Center; she was best known for the time she spent as executive assistant to State Senator Rodney Ellis, in whose office she was noted for her ability to convince others of the rightness of the causes she advocated; and

WHEREAS, She took great pleasure in fine food and wine and was an avid supporter of progressive issues, particularly women's rights; her infectious laugh and engaging sense of humor made her the life of the workplace and of every gathering in which she participated; and

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WHEREAS, A woman of courage, strength, and compassion, she gave unselfishly to all those she knew, and her generous spirit, her warmth, and her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and she leaves behind memories that will be cherished 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 Adrienne Keen McFarland; 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 Adrienne McFarland.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 30, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate