

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 833

In Memory
of
Ruth McLean Bowman Bowers

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Ruth McLean Bowman Bowers, who died April 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ruth McLean was born in 1920 to Verna and Marrs McLean; she spent her childhood in Beaumont and moved with her family to San Antonio in the 1930s; she was a graduate of Saint Mary's Hall in San Antonio and Finch College in New York City; she was preceded in death by her husbands, Jack T. Bowman and William O. Bowers; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her life, she devoted her time and energy to community, philanthropic, social, and political affairs, and she was particularly committed to education and to women's issues; and

WHEREAS, She served on the boards of Texas Woman's University, Trinity University, and Saint Mary's Hall; she endowed the Ruth McLean Bowman Bowers Chair for Breast Cancer Research and Treatment and the cyclotron wing of the Research Imaging Center at The University of Texas Health Science Center; the Baylor College of Medicine has a professorship in her name, and she funded the university's annual Excellence in Research Award; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bowers served on the board of the National Abortion Rights Action League, and she helped finance the landmark Roe v. Wade Supreme Court case; she was an invaluable supporter of the Family Violence Prevention Service and the Battered Women's Shelter, and she was named Woman of the Year in 1990 by the Texas Women's Political Caucus; and

WHEREAS, Other institutes and organizations to which she gave her support were the Witte Museum, the McNay Art Museum, the Santa Rosa Children's Hospital, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the United Way, and the Texas Nature Conservancy; she received numerous awards for her generosity, including the Spirit of Philanthropy Award and the Saint Mary's Hall Founder's Day Award; and

WHEREAS, A woman of courage, strength, and compassion, she gave unselfishly to others, and her wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew her; and

WHEREAS, She was a devoted mother and grandmother, and she leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by her family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Ruth McLean Bowman Bowers; 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 Ruth McLean Bowman Bowers.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate