

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1006

In Memory  
of  
Mary Denman

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of Mary Denman, who died May 8, 2013, at the age of 90; and

**WHEREAS**, Mary Denman was a pioneer among women in broadcasting; her determination to have her voice heard in a male-dominated world and her fearless advocacy for women's rights served as an inspiration to countless people; and

**WHEREAS**, Born June 28, 1922, she began her career in broadcasting when she served as the host of the television program *Toyland Time* on KVDO in the early 1950s; at the time, she was the first woman to appear on television in Corpus Christi; and

**WHEREAS**, After moving to San Antonio, she became the first woman to coanchor a news broadcast on KENS-TV, where she also hosted *Our Town*, a weekday interview program; she went on to focus her efforts on radio and joined WOAI as the producer and host of such programs as *Morning Magazine* and *Prime Plus*; she and her husband later formed an advertising agency, which they managed together until his death in 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, She received numerous awards and accolades over the course of her career, including the National Achievement Award and Broadcaster of the Year from American Women in Radio and Television; and

**WHEREAS**, She was also active in the San Antonio theater scene; she was a longtime board member of the San Pedro Playhouse and played an important role in the campaign that raised more than \$1 million for the theater's renovation; and

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

**WHEREAS**, She was a devoted wife and mother, and 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 Denman; and, be it further

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**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 Denman.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 17, 2013, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate