

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1088

In Memory
of
Ruby Jo Halden

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Ruby Jo Halden, who died May 6, 2013, at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, Born on October 5, 1928, Ruby Jo grew up in Longview; a multitalented musician, she marched in her high school band and became proficient in the flute, violin, piano, and harmonica; she enrolled at The University of Texas at the age of 16 and became one of only two women to obtain a business degree in 1948; and

WHEREAS, In 1950, she married Dr. E. Richard Halden, Jr.; they raised their seven children in Fort Worth, and Mrs. Halden became active in historic preservation and support of the arts; and

WHEREAS, Her efforts to protect many of the city's architectural gems include her creation of the Save-the-Scott-Home campaign, which rallied to preserve the historic Winfield Scott home, Thistle Hill; she was also a founder of the Ryan Place Improvement Association, and she played a vital role in the National Register's designation of Elizabeth Boulevard as the first residential historic district in Fort Worth; and

WHEREAS, The interests and talents of this civic-minded citizen were myriad and far-reaching, and through her support of many Fort Worth institutions, she has left a lasting legacy of

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cultural involvement; she also worked full-time managing the medical offices of a number of physicians over the course of her career; and

WHEREAS, As a mother and grandmother, and as a friend to many, Ruby Jo Halden will be profoundly missed; she was committed to leaving the world a better place for future generations, and her memory will be forever cherished by all who knew her; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Ruby Jo Halden; 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 Ruby Jo Halden.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2013, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate