

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 284

In Memory
of
Helen Kilroy

WHEREAS, Countless lives were touched by the kindness and generosity of Helen Kilroy of Santa Fe, Texas, who passed away on December 22, 2014, at the age of 70; and

WHEREAS, Born on November 5, 1944, Helen Kilroy worked as an executive assistant and later enjoyed a career as a travel agent; she and her husband, Jim Kilroy, shared 47 years together and became the parents of two beloved sons, Mark and Keith; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her personal and professional responsibilities, Mrs. Kilroy served as a volunteer with many organizations in the Santa Fe and Hitchcock region; she played an instrumental role in establishing the Santa Fe Independent School District School Education Foundation and served on the board of Santa Fe Parks and Recreation; a district leader for the Bay Area Council Cub Scouts, she helped start the Cub Scout pack at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church; as a member of that church for more than 40 years, Mrs. Kilroy served the congregation as a Eucharistic minister and as the organizer of the church's auction, and she also fostered seven young children through Catholic charities; furthermore, she volunteered as an emergency medical technician and paramedic for the Santa Fe Emergency Medical Services ambulance and worked with Meals on Wheels; and

WHEREAS, Of all her community endeavors, closest to her heart was her establishment of the Mark Kilroy Foundation with her husband; named in honor of the couple's 21-year-old son who

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was kidnapped and killed in Mexico by drug smugglers in 1989, the foundation was created to support anti-drug efforts; Mrs. Kilroy also helped organize the Substance Abuse Free Environment program and the annual Mark Kilroy Foundation Fundraiser, which helps secure grants for youth counselors; and

WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to her family and her community, Helen Kilroy lived a caring and purposeful life, and she will forever be remembered with admiration and affection by all who held her close to their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Helen Kilroy and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of her family: to her husband, Jim Kilroy; to her son, Keith Kilroy, and his wife; to her two grandchildren; to her three sisters; and to her other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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

Taylor of Galveston

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 2, 2015, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate