

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 569

In Memory  
of  
Martha Ellen Bonner Miller

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Martha Ellen Bonner Miller, who died March 26, 2015, at the age of 90; and

**WHEREAS**, Martha Miller was born on December 16, 1924, in San Antonio, to Willa Calhoun and Z. David Bonner; she was extremely proud of her family's rich history; she was a direct descendent of Nathaniel Bilberry, who served in General George Washington's Commander in Chief Life Guard, and she was related to United States Vice President John C. Calhoun; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Miller was hired by the Texas Senate in 1966 to create the Capitol Information and Guide Service; under her leadership, it became a highly knowledgeable and professional guide service; she later served for 30 years as executive director of the Texas Association of Defense Counsel; and

**WHEREAS**, She was active in a wide range of civic, historical, and philanthropic organizations, including the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Austin Civil War Roundtable, and the Austin Women's Club; she was a docent of the Texas Governor's Mansion and served as board president of Zachary Scott Theater; and

**WHEREAS**, She was a woman of grace, dignity, and discipline who gave generously to others; she was noted for her intellectual pursuits and her dry sense of humor, and her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten; and

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**WHEREAS**, She was devoted to her large and loving family and extended family members, and she leaves behind memories that will long be cherished by those who were privileged to share in her life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Martha Ellen Bonner Miller; 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 Martha Ellen Bonner Miller.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 15, 2015, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate