

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 744

In Memory  
of  
Florence Keyes Olsen

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Florence Keyes Olsen, who died October 16, 2013, at the age of 99; and

**WHEREAS,** An Austin native, Florence Keyes was born on September 16, 1914; she grew up in the Clarksville area, and she graduated from Austin High School in 1931 and attended a business college; and

**WHEREAS,** She eloped with Homer Olsen, a young newspaperman, in 1936, and his work took them to Dallas and Wichita Falls before they returned to her beloved hometown in 1949; they shared 60 years of marriage and were blessed with three children; she became the proud matriarch of the family and was known as "Nannie" to her 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; Mr. Olsen was the well-known city editor of the *Austin American-Statesman*; and

**WHEREAS,** Mrs. Olsen had a 40-year career at the Texas Capitol, where she was employed by Senator Charles Herring and later served as a receptionist outside of the Senate chamber; the Senate honored her as a "Texas Treasure" in celebration of her 90th birthday; and

**WHEREAS,** She was an active member of the community, and after her retirement, she dedicated much of her time to volunteering as a member of the Auxiliary at Saint David's Hospital; in her latest years, she lived at the Renaissance and served as head of the Hospitality Committee; and

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**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Olsen had a long and wonderful life and left her family with countless precious memories; she was beloved by many, and she will long be remembered with respect and affection by all 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 Florence Keyes Olsen; 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 Florence Olsen.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 8, 2015, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate