

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 745

In Memory
of
Charlotte Koehler Flynn

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of activist and community leader Charlotte Koehler Flynn, who died April 19, 2015, at the age of 96; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte Flynn was born on March 28, 1919, in Saint Louis, Missouri, to Charlotte and Arnold Koehler; she earned a degree in nursing from Washington University; and

WHEREAS, She married Bill Flynn in 1941, and they enjoyed more than 65 years of marriage together; they raised three children, Liz, Mary Lou, and Greg, and were blessed with two granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, After moving frequently for many years due to Mr. Flynn's career in the United States Navy, the family settled in Austin in 1970; as she had done many times before, Mrs. Flynn became involved in the local Girl Scout council, but she soon expanded her focus to include social justice advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Flynn was a founding member of the Austin chapter of the Gray Panthers and is largely credited with saving the national organization when she served as its chair during the 1990s; she was a spokesperson for the National Campaign for Universal Health Care, an initiative of the Gray Panthers; she was also active with the Texas Coalition for Juvenile Justice and the Austin Peace and Justice Coalition; and

WHEREAS, A woman of courage, strength, and compassion, she gave unselfishly to others, and her indomitable will, her integrity and forthrightness, and her enthusiasm for living each

day to the fullest will not be forgotten by those who were privileged to share in her life; and

WHEREAS, She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, 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, 84th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Charlotte Koehler Flynn; 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 Charlotte Koehler Flynn.

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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.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate