SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 828

In Memory of Kristin Elizabeth McLain

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Kristin Elizabeth McLain, who died April 27, 2015, at the age of 46; and

WHEREAS, Kristin McLain was born on February 10, 1969, in Colorado Springs; she grew up at a boys' camp in Florissant, Colorado, where she developed a passion for horses and a deep love of the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, She earned a degree in equine science at Colorado State University and spent several years training horses throughout the country; her desire to help others led her back to school, and she earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing at the University of Northern Colorado; and

WHEREAS, She began her nursing career by serving in the emergency room at the Denver Health Medical Center, and she soon became inspired to pursue a career as a rescue flight nurse; after several years of working with Flight for Life of Colorado, she moved to Austin to serve with Star Flight, Travis County's aerial emergency medical service; and

WHEREAS, She handled the responsibilities of a Star Flight nurse with the utmost skill and dedication, and she was greatly admired by her peers for her remarkable energy and tenacity, her enthusiastic team spirit, and her courage and compassion; her life was tragically cut short while she was performing her duties during a helicopter rescue mission; and

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WHEREAS, Kristin McLain was the devoted wife of Winston Merrill, with whom she shared a great love for the outdoors and athletics; she was a true hero who was beloved by many, and she leaves behind memories that will long be cherished 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 Kristin Elizabeth McLain; 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 Kristin McLain.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2015, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate