

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 981

In Memory
of
Marguerite Marie Labasse Knisely

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Marguerite Marie Labasse Knisely, who died May 6, 2015, at the age of 93; and

WHEREAS, Marguerite Labasse was born April 1, 1922, in the rural village of Gentinnes, Belgium, and she moved to the City of Gembloux as a teenager; and

WHEREAS, She served as an interpreter for American troops stationed in Gembloux in the final months of World War II, and during her service, she met and fell in love with Bill Knisely, a soldier from Michigan; she crossed the Atlantic in 1947, and they married three days after her arrival; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Knisely actively supported her husband while he earned his doctoral degree in anatomy at the Medical College of South Carolina, and she was his partner and confidante as he pursued a career in academic administration; they were blessed with five children, and the family moved throughout the United States as Mr. Knisely took on leadership roles at prominent universities; they lived in Austin during the 1960s and moved back to Austin in 1994; and

WHEREAS, She was dedicated to her work as a homemaker and raised her children with an energetic and loving hand; she was known for her outstanding cooking and knitting skills, and she produced innumerable blankets, scarves, and sweaters for her nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and

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WHEREAS, Marguerite Knisely was an independent, intelligent, and compassionate woman who was devoted to her husband and children and who remained active throughout her life; she 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 Marguerite Marie Labasse Knisely; 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 Marguerite Knisely.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2015, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate