

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 34

In Memory
of
Bette-Jo Simpson Buhler

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Bette-Jo Simpson Buhler, who died January 9, 2017, at the age of 95; and

WHEREAS, Bette-Jo Simpson was born on May 2, 1921, in Olympia, Washington, to Blanche Taylor and Jess Ray Simpson; she graduated from the Annie Wright School in Tacoma and from the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS, She married the late Frank Sibley Buhler Jr. on July 7, 1942, and the couple moved to Victoria, Texas, in 1948; she was blessed with five children, 13 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Buhler played a major role in building the Republican Party in Texas; she was instrumental in helping John Tower become the first Republican from Texas to be elected a United States senator, and she was a founding member of the Associated Republicans of Texas; she served as cochair of the Texas Republican Party and was named the 2001 Republican of the Year by the National Republican Congressional Committee; and

WHEREAS, She was also active in a wide range of community and philanthropic organizations; she was a sustaining member of the Victoria Junior League, and she helped establish Trinity Episcopal School and served as chair of the board of the Victoria Youth Activity Committee; and

WHEREAS, She helped to organize the Gulf Bend Center and was actively involved with the Victoria Symphony, the Lionel Hampton International Jazz Festival, and the Texas State University System Foundation; and

WHEREAS, A woman of courage, strength, and compassion, she gave unselfishly to others, and her generous spirit, her wise counsel, and her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and she leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by her family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Bette-Jo Simpson Buhler; 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 Bette-Jo Simpson Buhler.

Kolkhorst

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 23, 2017, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate