SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 380

In Memory of Rosa Lea Meek Dickerson

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Rosa Lea Meek Dickerson, who died October 23, 2016, at the age of 94; and

WHEREAS, Rosa Lea was born on March 20, 1922, in Hereford, to Walter and Buna Fullwood; her father was a pioneering aviator and taught his children to fly at young ages; Rosa Lea made her first solo flight at the age of 12 or 13; she received her private pilot's license in 1940 and her commercial pilot's license in 1942; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of McAllen High School and McAllen Business College, she served the nation with distinction as a member of the Women Airforce Service Pilots during World War II; she flew several types of military aircraft, including the famous P-51 fighter plane; and

WHEREAS, She married the late Carl D. Meek Sr. in 1945; they helped establish the Kerrville Flying Service and later owned Meek Motors and Meek Real Estate; she went on to be a Mooney Aircraft dealer and the owner of Rosa Lea Realty; and

WHEREAS, After the death of her first husband, she married the late Arthur P. Dickerson in 1988; her large and loving extended family was a source of much pride and joy for her; and

WHEREAS, A woman of courage, strength, and compassion, she gave unselfishly to others, and her wisdom, her generous spirit, 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

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WHEREAS, She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and she leaves behind memories that will be cherished 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 Rosa Lea Meek Dickerson; 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 Rosa Lea Meek Dickerson.

Buckingham

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 6, 2017, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate