

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 181

In Memory  
of  
Carol Jean Patterson Niemann

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Carol Jean Patterson Niemann, who died January 7, 2019, at the age of 79; and

**WHEREAS**, Carol Niemann was born on May 24, 1939, in Austin, to Woodrow Wilson Patterson and Eileen Bertha Wilson Patterson; she graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School and The University of Texas, where she was a member of Alpha Phi Sorority; and

**WHEREAS**, She married her beloved husband of 53 years, Larry Niemann, on August 7, 1965, and they were blessed with three daughters, Connie, Sherry, and Nancy; her grandchildren, Nicole, Will, Dare, and Hale, were a source of much pride and joy for her; and

**WHEREAS**, Shortly after her wedding, she was involved in an airplane crash that left her a paraplegic for life; despite this handicap, she maintained her energy and enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest and devoted herself to a life of service to her family and her community; and

**WHEREAS**, Her house was where her daughters' friends congregated, and she thought nothing of pulling her wheelchair into the car and driving her daughters and their friends to activities across the state; she also held leadership positions in a wide range of community organizations, including the Austin March of Dimes, the Austin Lawyers' Auxiliary, the Austin Nature

Center, the Saint David's Hospital Rehabilitation Advisory Board, and the Helping Hand Home for Children; and

**WHEREAS**, A woman of strength, grace, and generosity, she gave unselfishly to others, and her gentle spirit and her courage in the face of adversity will not be forgotten; and

**WHEREAS**, She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, and she leaves behind memories that will be cherished forever by all who were privileged to share in her life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Carol Jean Patterson Niemann; 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 Carol Niemann.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 11, 2019, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate