

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 404

In Memory
of
Shirley Spellerberg

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Shirley Spellerberg, who died March 9, 2019, at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Spellerberg was born and raised in Waco; she married her beloved husband, the late Herman R. Spellerberg, while he was on leave from Pan American World Airways; when he returned home after serving a tour of duty in Korea with the United States Air Force, the couple lived in Pasadena for several years before moving to Miami; and

WHEREAS, While in Miami, Mrs. Spellerberg was active in Republican Party politics and served as a member of the Florida State Republican Executive Committee; she also hosted a conservative talk radio program called *Speak Out Miami*, and she served as president of the Florida Federation of Women for Responsible Legislation; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, she and her husband returned to Texas; she served for many years as mayor of Corinth and was an influential voice in the economic development of the community; she was instrumental in the adoption of the city's home rule charter and in the 2000 opening of a campus of North Central Texas College in Corinth; and

WHEREAS, She continued her political activities and was a leading member of the Denton County Republican Party and served three terms as president of the Denton Republican Women's Club; she served for eight years as a member of the State Republican Executive Committee and played a vital role in shaping the platform of the Texas Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, Shirley was blessed with two sons and a granddaughter, who were a source of much pride and joy for her; a woman of courage, strength, and determination, she gave unselfishly to others, and her commitment to public service was a source of inspiration to all who were privileged to share in her life; 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, 86th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Shirley Spellerberg; 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 Shirley Spellerberg.

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 19, 2019, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate