

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 51st Legislature (2007)

3 SENATE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 4

By: Branam of the Senate

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8 AS INTRODUCED

9 A Concurrent Resolution commending the life of Mex L.
10 Frates; offering condolences; and directing
11 distribution.

12 WHEREAS, Mex Lloyds Rodman Frates was born January 15, 1908, in
13 Moweaqua, Illinois, the daughter of W.J. and Gertrude Rodman. The
14 Rodman family moved to the Heritage Hills neighborhood in Oklahoma
15 City, Oklahoma, in 1911. Mex attended McKinley Elementary School,
16 Irving Junior High, and Central High School. She graduated from
17 high school at the age of 15 and received the first Letseizer Award.
18 Mex attended Pine Manor Junior College but received her Bachelor of
19 Arts degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1929. While at the
20 University of Oklahoma, she was active in Phi Beta Kappa, was
21 President of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, was President of the Young
22 Women's Christian Association, served on the Student Council, and
23 was listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges"; and
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1 WHEREAS, Mex Frates was State Conference Chair of Oklahoma
2 Episcopal Women, and Chair of the Christian Social Relations Council
3 of Episcopal Women. She also chaired the Building Committee of All
4 Souls Episcopal Church; and

5 WHEREAS, Mex Frates served on many boards, including the
6 Oklahoma Blood Institute, Allied Arts, Greater Oklahoma City Chamber
7 of Commerce, Better Business Bureau, Oklahoma Heritage Association,
8 Oklahoma City Voluntary Action, Women's Committee of the Oklahoma
9 City Symphony, United Way of Metro Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Library
10 for the Blind, American Red Cross, and the Oklahoma Art Center; and

11 WHEREAS, Mex Frates was twice selected as representative to the
12 White House Conference on Children, served as State Chair of
13 Mobilization for Human Needs, and was named a Regent of the Oklahoma
14 College for Women. She served as Regional Director of the National
15 Board of the Associations of Junior Leagues; and

16 WHEREAS, Mex Frates helped establish the United Way of Metro
17 Oklahoma City and was, with her husband, an original founder of All
18 Souls Episcopal Church. With her husband, Mex helped establish
19 Nichols Hills Elementary School and Casady School. She was the
20 first President of the Junior League in Oklahoma City and the first
21 President of the Town Hall Lecture series. Mex was the first lay
22 woman to become a Trustee at Mercy Hospital, the first woman to
23 chair Mercy's Board of Advisors, the first woman in the region to
24 receive the National Conference of Christians and Jews Humanitarian

1 Award, and the first recipient of the Mary Baker Rumsey Lifetime
2 Commitment Award from the Junior League of Oklahoma City; and

3 WHEREAS, Mex Frates was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame
4 in 1969. She was selected to receive the Outstanding Phi Beta Kappa
5 Alumni Award, J.C. Penney Volunteer Award, Byliners Award in
6 Community Service from the Association of Women in Communications,
7 Governor's Arts Award, Wall of Fame Humanitarian Award from the
8 Oklahoma City Public Schools Foundation, Association of Philanthropy
9 Lifetime Achievement Award, the Dean's Award for Distinguished
10 Community Service by the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine
11 Alumni Association, the Living Treasure Award from the Oklahoma
12 Health Center Foundation, Pathfinder Award from the Oklahoma City
13 Historical Society, Richard Clements Award from the United Way and
14 Oklahoma City University's Library Award. Mex was honored by being
15 named Outstanding Panhellenic Woman, and Red Lands Council of Girl
16 Scouts Woman of the Year in Volunteerism Award; and

17 WHEREAS, Mex Frates died August 30, 2006, at the age of 98
18 years. Her biography, "Lifetime Volunteer: Mex Frates", was
19 published in September 2006.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
21 OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
22 CONCURRING THEREIN:

23 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature commends the full life, many
24 accomplishments, and pioneering spirit of the late Mex Frates.

1 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature offers its most sincere
2 condolences to the Frates family, all those who benefited from her
3 many contributions, and the entire Oklahoma City community.

4 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Mex Frates'
5 sons, Rodman Frates and Kent Frates.

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