

**RESOLUTION IN REMEMBRANCE AND APPRECIATION
WILHELMINA CULLEN ROBERTSON SMITH**

WHEREAS, Wilhelmina Cullen Robertson Smith was born in Houston, Texas, on December 3, 1922, the youngest daughter of Lillie Cranz and Hugh Roy Cullen, the University of Houston’s first major benefactors; and,

WHEREAS, Wilhelmina Cullen Robertson Smith graduated from the University of Houston in 1944 with a bachelor’s degree in business administration; and,

WHEREAS, in June 1945, Wilhelmina Cullen Robertson Smith married Corbin James Robertson, a U.S. Air Corps Captain she had met a few months earlier at one of the Sunday receptions her parents held for servicemen during World War II; and,

WHEREAS, the marriage, which lasted until Mr. Robertson’s death in 1991, produced five siblings – Wilhelmina E. “Beth” Robertson, former chair of the UH System Board of Regents; Lillie T. Robertson, friend and supporter of UH arts programs; Corbin J. Robertson, Jr., advocate for the Texas Center for Superconductivity; Carroll Robertson Ray, current member of the UH System Board of Regents; and Alison S. Robertson Baumann – who to this day carry on the tradition of service and philanthropy that has been the hallmark of the Cullen family for decades; and,

WHEREAS, Wilhelmina Cullen Robertson Smith for five decades guided The Cullen Foundation and founded three other charitable trusts – The Cullen Trust for Higher Education, The Cullen Trust for Health Care, and The Cullen Trust for the Performing Arts – to focus on education, medicine, and the arts; and,

WHEREAS, Wilhelmina Cullen Robertson Smith married Edgar A. Smith, Jr. in April 1998, sharing a blessed eleven years together; and,

WHEREAS, Wilhelmina Cullen Robertson Smith generously supported and actively participated in innumerable University of Houston events during her lifetime, holding a very special place in her heart for Cougar athletics, as well as supporting programs and activities at UH-Downtown, including student support,

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University of Houston System Board of Regents issues this resolution in remembrance and appreciation of Wilhelmina Cullen Robertson Smith – a most beloved and remarkable lady – with our deepest sympathy to Edgar A. Smith, Jr. and the Cullen and Smith families.

Dated this ____ day of ____, 2009

Chairman, Board of Regents
University of Houston System
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Chancellor
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