AN APPRECIATION OF

MRS. MARGARET KENNEDY KRESS

WHOSE DEATH OCCURRED JANUARY 7, 1950

Mrs. Kress was a native Texan. Her father was a Spanish scholar and interested her in learning Spanish when she was a child. She was avid for knowledge and all her life sought to perfect her Spanish, to learn everything possible of Spanish speaking peoples and of Spanish American culture. She spent considerable time in Mexico in her earlier years and more recently visited Colombia, Guatemala and Costa Rica.

In 1906 she married John Alexander Kress of Mexico City. They spent some time there, then came to Texas and finally settled in Austin where Mr. Kress died in 1912, leaving Mrs. Kress with three small daughters.

In 1903 Mrs. Kress graduated from The University of Texas, and there took the master's degree in 1919. She did considerable work toward the doctor's degree. She published a text entitled "Chilean Short Stories" in collaboration with Professor Arturo Torres Rioseco now of the University of California.

In 1913 she was named tutor in Spanish at The University of Texas, instructor in 1926, and assistant professor in 1949.

She educated her daughters and lived to see all of them married and comfortably settled, one in Austin, one in Midland, Texas, and one in California.

Mrs. Kress was a member of the Christian Science Church, Sigma Delta Pi, Spanish honor society, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, the Texas State Historical Association, the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, the Eastern Star, the Folk Lore Society of Texas, and Delta Kappa Gamma for which organization she did much research on Pioneer Women of Texas.

Mrs. Kress was an untiring worker, often overtaxing her strength in order to serve those she loved. She had many trials and sorrows, all of which she bore with Christian fortitude.

She was an earnest, meticulous teacher giving to her students more than a knowledge of Spanish - she gave them something of her own kind, gentle, courteous personality.

In the death of Mrs. Kress The University of Texas has lost a faithful, valuable teacher. Her students have lost a sympathetic, understanding instructor, and her colleagues a loyal friend.

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