

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 412**

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Traci Wickett on her retirement as president and chief executive officer of United Way of Southern Cameron County after 27 years of exemplary leadership; and

**WHEREAS,** The United Fund of Brownsville was founded in 1967 and became the United Way of Southern Cameron County in 1993; in 1996, Traci accepted the position of president and chief executive officer of the organization and served until her retirement on February 28, 2023; a capable and brilliant woman, during the course of her leadership, Traci made extraordinary contributions to United Way and to the people of Southern Cameron County; and

**WHEREAS,** Traci was instrumental in implementing initiatives that improved early childhood development and education to ensure school readiness, in expanding the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to help families claim their Earned Income Tax Credit and thereby improve their financial circumstances, and in 2014, in persuading the City of Brownsville to approve an anti-predatory-lending ordinance; and

**WHEREAS,** Before joining United Way, Traci graduated summa cum laude from Corpus Christi State University in 1979 and embarked on a successful 16-year career with Mercantile Bank, where she served as vice president and technology manager for the last eight years of her tenure; and

**WHEREAS**, Traci has held leadership positions in numerous professional associations and service organizations and has received several leadership and merit awards, including being named Brownsville Woman of the Year in 2006; she chaired the boards of United Ways of Texas and the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce, and she served on the National Professional Council of United Way Worldwide for 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, It is truly fitting that Traci receive special recognition on her many positive contributions to Cameron County and for dedicating her time and energy to improving the lives of those in her community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commend Traci Wickett on her years of invaluable service to United Way of Southern Cameron County and extend to her best wishes for an enjoyable retirement and success in all her future endeavors; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 13, 2023.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate