

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 90

WHEREAS, One of the nation's highest ranking women in the field of corrections, Janie Cockrell is retiring as director of the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on August 31, 2003; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Sam Houston State University, she began her tenure with the Texas prison system in 1976 as a correctional officer at the Goree Unit in Huntsville; she later served in social services, working with special needs offenders and supervising counselors, before being promoted to assistant warden at the Gatesville Unit in 1985 and senior warden at the Powledge Unit in 1990; and

WHEREAS, In 1994 she entered the ranks of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's top management as a regional director of the institutional division; two years later, she was promoted to deputy director for support services at the division, in which capacity she supervised diverse statewide operations that included food services, laundry, inmate classification, and community relations; and

WHEREAS, Named deputy director for security of the institutional division in 1997, she was an exemplary supervisor of five regional directors and 73 unit wardens; in 2001 she was appointed to head the division, where she has overseen the operations of the 73 prison units that house more than 130,000 of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's total offender population; and

WHEREAS, Having demonstrated outstanding commitment and integrity throughout her career, Janie Cockrell exemplifies the highest standards of her profession, and she stands as a role model for all who are part of the criminal justice system; a source of tremendous pride to the Lone Star State, she is most deserving of special legislative recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Janie Cockrell on her retirement from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and extend to her best wishes for a happy and rewarding retirement; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Ms. Cockrell as an expression of high regard 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 July 21, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate