

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 58

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Rosa Walker, who is retiring after 36 years of outstanding service with the Texas American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO); and

WHEREAS, A native of Hemphill, Rosa graduated from Pineland High School and embarked on a career at Southwestern Bell Telephone Company; and

WHEREAS, After joining the Communication Workers of America, she pursued her growing interest in labor unions; she served as a commercial job steward and became a member of the executive board of the Communication Workers of America; and

WHEREAS, Rosa joined the union movement full-time as an organizer for the Industrial Union Department of the AFL-CIO; she later worked for the Harris County AFL-CIO, and in 1965, she joined the Texas AFL-CIO; and

WHEREAS, Rosa served as the women's activities director for the Texas AFL-CIO, and she is now retiring as the organization's director of Community Services/Volunteers; in this position, she has coordinated union disaster relief operations, voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives, lobbying activities on specific issues, and preparations for special labor events; and

WHEREAS, A leading figure in the Texas labor movement, Rosa has played a major role in the recruitment of capable women into the union cause; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary citizen, Rosa served as a state vice president of the Texas Coalition of Labor Union Women, was a

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founder of the Texas Consumer Association, and is a former member of the Texas Judicial Conduct Commission; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Texas Women's Hall of Fame, Rosa is highly regarded by her colleagues in the labor movement, and her presence as the director of Community Services/Volunteers for the Texas AFL-CIO will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Rosa Walker for her devoted service to the Texas American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations and extend best wishes to her on the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

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

Barrientos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 24, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate