

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 65**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Peggy McGowen, state president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, on the occasion of her Homecoming, which will be held in Arlington September 26 through 29, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Peggy was elected and installed as state president of the Ladies Auxiliary on June 21, 2003, in Corpus Christi during the organization's 77th annual convention; she has previously held the state offices of guard, conductress, chaplain, and junior and senior vice president; and

**WHEREAS**, For her theme, Peggy has chosen "Honoring Veterans Who Proudly Served"; and

**WHEREAS**, The state branch of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States was established on May 3, 1927; today 37,000 individuals from across the state belong to the organization; and

**WHEREAS**, As state president of the Ladies Auxiliary, Peggy will focus on expressing the pride our nation feels for all its veterans and on promoting the Americanism Program in our schools; under her leadership, members of the auxiliary will show kindness to our communities and veterans and will pray for peace throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, During the past year, the organization's members devoted over 250,000 volunteer hours to assisting veterans in veterans hospitals and in nursing homes; they also conducted rehabilitation programs for veterans and provided assistance to

homeless veterans; they raised \$67,000 for "Operation Uplink," a program that allows veterans living overseas and in hospitals to make free telephone calls to their loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, Peggy McGowen is committed to the patriotic principles of the Ladies Auxiliary, and her superior leadership will be a valuable asset to the work of the organization and its future; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to Peggy McGowen on the occasion of her Homecoming and extend best wishes to her for a successful administration as state president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; 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 September 25, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate