

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 62**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Sheila W. Beckett, who is retiring as executive director of the Employees Retirement System of Texas in June of 2004 after 30 years of loyal service to the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheila has served as executive director of the Employees Retirement System since 1996; her responsibilities have included oversight of a \$20 billion trust fund and leadership over programs that provide retirement, health insurance, and other benefits for more than 200,000 state employees and retirees; and

**WHEREAS**, She began her career in state government in the 1970s as an assistant to a special committee formed to study public employee benefits; she later worked in the Texas House of Representatives, served as a budget examiner for the Legislative Budget Board, managed the Spending Analysis Section of the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and was a special assistant to the director of the Texas Legislative Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Sheila earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Texas A&M University and holds a master's degree from The University of Texas at Austin Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, During her tenure as executive director of the Employees Retirement System of Texas, she has won widespread acclaim for her outstanding work, and the benefits programs she has overseen are held up as national models; in 2003, she received the prestigious National Public Service Award from the American Society for Public Administration and the National Academy of Public Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, A highly respected public administrator, Sheila Beckett has been an inspiration to those who have had the pleasure to know and work with her, and her presence at the Employees Retirement System of Texas will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend Sheila W. Beckett for her many years of invaluable service to the state and extend to her best wishes for her future endeavors; and, be it further

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

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Member, Texas Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2004.

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Secretary of the Senate