

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 192

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Juanita Irene "Nita Rene" Smith on the occasion of her retirement after 30 years of dedicated and loyal service to the state; and

WHEREAS, Nita Rene began her career of state service on July 1, 1974, at the Texas Department of Public Welfare as a clerk in the warehouse; an accelerated mastery of the intricate state purchasing procedures earned her numerous promotions over the years, and when she left 16 years later, she was Regional Purchaser; and

WHEREAS, She transferred to the State Board of Insurance in 1990 as chief purchaser and was promoted to purchasing director within a few years; in 1994, she transferred to the Special Deputy Receiver Section of the Department of Insurance, where her purchasing background was an asset in helping to improve the way bids were solicited and managed; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Nita Rene wore many hats at the Department of Insurance; when disaster struck in the form of Tropical Storm Allison, she found her true calling, working much of that summer out in the field where she could help people directly, many of whom had lost everything; and

WHEREAS, A consummate professional, Nita Rene Smith has displayed superior judgment in dealing with the unique challenges she has faced throughout her career; she is noted for her superior organizational skills, her purchasing expertise, and her compassion for others; and

WHEREAS, A distinguished and exemplary public servant, Nita Rene is admired and respected by her colleagues, and her presence at the Texas Department of Insurance will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend Juanita Irene Smith for her exceptional 30-year career of outstanding service to the citizens of Texas and extend to her best wishes for 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.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 17, 2004.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate