

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 187

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Patricia McKee for her 44 years of outstanding service to Camp Fire USA; and

WHEREAS, Patricia McKee became a Camp Fire volunteer in 1958, when her daughter was a Bluebird; after 12 years as a volunteer, she was named executive director of Camp Fire USA's seven-county Tejas Council in 1970; and

WHEREAS, As the leader of the Tejas Council for the next 32 years, Pat brought energetic and innovative leadership to the organization; under her direction, the council established an after-school program that is now available on seven campuses of the Waco Independent School District; she was also responsible for the establishment of parenting education classes, conflict resolution seminars, and money management classes at three of Waco's public housing developments; and

WHEREAS, In addition, through the creation of partnerships with more than 40 community agencies, Pat McKee ensured the development of programs that help young people grow into productive and responsible members of society, such as Kids Care, Teen Leadership Waco, and Teen Volunteers Center; and

WHEREAS, For her innovative programs, Pat has been recognized with national awards by Camp Fire USA; she has also received the Community Builder Award from the Masonic Grand Lodge and the Pathfinders Award from the Young Women's Christian Association; and

WHEREAS, Pat consistently reached out to all children in the communities served by the Tejas Council; when she retired in 2002, she left a much admired legacy of service to others, and she provided for the future of many young people involved in Camp Fire by establishing the Pat and Goodson McKee Endowment Fund to benefit the Camp Fire USA Tejas Council; and

WHEREAS, Pat McKee has enriched the lives and futures of many young Texans, and she deserves recognition for her outstanding contributions to Camp Fire USA; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Patricia McKee for her dedication to young people and her exceptional accomplishments and extend best wishes to her for the future; 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 February 18, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate