

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 675**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Rachele Smith on the grand occasion of her 40th birthday on April 22, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Rachele Smith was born April 22, 1963, in Slaton, Texas, the eldest in a family of five children; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Rachele Smith is a Texas Tech graduate and a loyal Red Raiders fan; Rachele first graduated from Texas Tech in 1983 and continued her education until 1996, when the university finally kicked her out of the institution by giving her a doctorate; many have noted that Dr. Smith is surely one of the most loyal Tech alumni members ever and that she may have a future official job recruiting students from around the world to Texas Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, Upon graduating from Tech, Dr. Smith worked at Lubbock's Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center, where she helped many by sharing her lively stories about life and by her infectious laugh; she later began a career with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, where she was director for the Texas Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facilities, the first treatment initiative in the nation; she left that department when she somehow lost her mind and went to work for the Texas Senate; and

**WHEREAS**, The legislative director for Senator Barrientos, Dr. Rachele Smith has worked diligently on legislation that has positively impacted the safety of children and improved services for the elderly and disadvantaged Texans; while battling for the rights of those less fortunate, Dr. Smith has also worked tirelessly alongside Senator Barrientos to budget a much-needed pay raise for Texas' state employees; and

**WHEREAS**, Rachele Smith shares her dual ethnicity through her well known "Ay, ay, ay, Señor Ding Dong" to those most deserving of hearing such language; and

**WHEREAS**, Rachele is known for buying extremely large or expensive vehicles and is proud of negotiating the lowest price for them, thereby diminishing any possibility of a decent commission for the poor car salesman who is unlucky enough to have her as a customer; and

**WHEREAS**, She is famous for her love of cooking and for making gifts of her gardening treasures to her family and friends all year round; and

**WHEREAS**, To those who are closest to her, Rachele is known for her heart of gold, her tongue of fire, and her undying commitment to serving the State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby recognize Rachele Smith as a treasured citizen of Austin and the State of Texas and extend congratulations to her on this important milestone in her life; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as a memento of this special day.

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President of the Senate

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

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate