

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Honorable Mary Groves Bland, a former senator of the great state of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Mary Bland was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 1980 and was elected to the Senate in 1998; she sponsored major legislation in the areas of social services, health care, and education; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bland has been the recipient of many awards: among other honors, she earned recognition from the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, was named the Tony Boyland Outstanding Legislator in 1988, received the Mtumishi Service Award in 1993, and was selected as one of Kansas City's most influential persons; and

WHEREAS, Mary Bland attended Ottawa University and received certification in community relations; she received certification in executive policy from Harvard University and went on to pursue a degree in human resources; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bland has held leadership positions in numerous organizations; she has served as chairwoman of the Board of Freedom, Incorporated, as first vice president of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, and as treasurer of the Niles Home for Children; she has been a dedicated advocate and an exemplary role model for the citizens of Missouri; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend the Honorable Mary Groves Bland for her service to her community and her state and extend to her best wishes 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 April 17, 2006.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate