

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 138

WHEREAS, Susan Kay Kennedy will be retiring at the end of this year after two distinguished terms as Nacogdoches County judge, and her visit to the Texas State Capitol provides a fitting opportunity to recognize the many contributions this esteemed Texan has made to her community; and

WHEREAS, Judge Kennedy became the first woman to serve local citizens as county judge following her election in November 1998; she won reelection in 2002, and after the Shuttle *Columbia* tragedy, she was responsible for directing the recovery activities in Nacogdoches County; and

WHEREAS, Judge Kennedy has long demonstrated her commitment to making East Texas a better place in which to live, work, and raise a family; an active member of the Nacogdoches Rotary Club, the I-69 Alliance board of directors, and the Texas Agriculture Finance Authority, she has lent her time to serve on the County Juvenile Board, the County Investment Advisory Committee, the Texas Department of Transportation Regional Advisory Board, and the Nacogdoches Community Justice Board; and

WHEREAS, In addition, she has held leadership positions with the Nacogdoches Economic Development Corporation, the Pineywoods Economic Partnership Board, the Nacogdoches County Chamber of Commerce, the Nacogdoches County Boys and Girls Club, and the Nacogdoches County United Way; and

WHEREAS, Her dedication to her fellow residents has earned Judge Kennedy many honors; in 2005, she was named Woman of the Year by the local chapter of American Association of University

Women, and in previous years she earned the Silver Spur Award from the Texas Association of Counties Leadership Institute and the Texas Courthouse Community Award from the Texas Association of County Commissioners and Judges, to name but a few; and

WHEREAS, Susan Kennedy has made a positive impact on the lives of countless citizens in and around Nacogdoches County, and her vision, integrity, and civic spirit will be a continuing source of inspiration in the years ahead; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend the Honorable Susan Kennedy, Nacogdoches County Judge, for her outstanding record of public service and extend to her best wishes for continued success in all of her endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Judge Kennedy as an expression of high regard 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 4, 2006.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate