

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 52**

**WHEREAS**, Peggy Howland, the administrator for Cartmell Home for Aged in Palestine, has made significant contributions to the improvement of elderly care in the Lone Star State with her role in creating an important new feeding assistant program for nursing home residents; and

**WHEREAS**, The feeding assistant program was designed to allow trained volunteers or paid employees, including members of the public, volunteers, retirees, and auxiliary staff, to help with mealtimes at the Cartmell Home, freeing certified nursing assistants to have more time for direct patient care; and

**WHEREAS**, Conceived by Ms. Howland, the program benefited from the input of two registered nurses at Cartmell who wrote the first training curriculum as well as from collaboration with the faculty of the School of Nursing at The University of Texas at Tyler and recommendations from the Texas Department of Human Services Region 4 staff in Tyler; and

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary model for all nursing home facilities, the Cartmell Home's program quickly attracted the attention of other professional groups in the Lone Star State, including the Texas Healthcare Association and the Texas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging; licensed for use in nursing home facilities throughout this state, this outstanding program found further support at the federal level, and in late 2003 the United States Congress approved the program to be used in other states; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Howland has demonstrated innovation and dedication to help improve the quality of life for our senior citizens, and this admirable achievement will surely inspire many to become involved in this and other worthwhile programs designed to benefit the elderly; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby honor Peggy Howland for the creation of the feeding assistant program at the Cartmell Home for Aged and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success with her important work; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Ms. Howland as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 31, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate