

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 414

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to the members and president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and to recognize March 22, 2005, as Ladies Auxiliary VFW Day in Texas; and

WHEREAS, From March 22 through March 24, 2005, the Texas Ladies Auxiliary VFW will be host to JoAnne M. Ott of North Lawrence, Ohio, the national president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ott has chosen the title of "Symphony of Service" for the 2004-2005 theme of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, emphasizing the harmony of service the ladies provide for veterans; Mrs. Ott has served in many positions with the organization and was elected national president on August 20, 2004; and

WHEREAS, As the battle against terrorism continued around the world over the past year, members of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW donated hundreds of items and \$9,000 to ship 421 care packages from its national headquarters to troops in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, The program to send care packages to our military personnel is typical of the services offered by the Ladies Auxiliary VFW since 1914; over the years, members of the organization have generously donated their time and energy to ensure that America's veterans will not be forgotten and that those who need assistance will be taken care of; and

WHEREAS, The 634,404 members in 5,818 auxiliaries in the United States and Guam raise funds for cancer research, assist homeless veterans, provide books for children of military families, offer scholarships to youths, and provide many other services in communities nationwide; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend the members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States for the valuable work they do on behalf of our military veterans and extend best wishes to the president and all members of the organization on the occasion of Ladies Auxiliary VFW Day in Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Shapiro

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 21, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate