SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 290

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Shirley Reed, who has been named the 2007 Border Texan of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reed is the founding president of South Texas College in McAllen; under her leadership, this outstanding institution has grown to encompass five campuses and now serves more than 16,000 students every semester; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reed has contributed to the development of programs at the college that directly benefit the community at large, offering training that allows area residents to attain better jobs and greater financial stability and helping to lower the unemployment rate; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work at the college, Dr. Reed is an active participant in community affairs; she serves on the board of the McAllen Boys and Girls Club and is a member of the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the McAllen Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Reed will accept the Border Texan of the Year award on February 28, 2007, at a gala event during BorderFest; she is truly a deserving recipient of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Shirley Reed for her many contributions to the Rio Grande Valley and extend to her congratulations on being named 2007 Border Texan of the Year; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her 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 February 20, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate