

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 18

WHEREAS, Adelaide Horn is retiring as commissioner of the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services in August 2009, drawing to a close an outstanding career in public service; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of more than three decades, Addie Horn has developed expertise in such areas as institutional and community care services, policy development, consumer affairs, vocational rehabilitation, and program coordination, and she is highly regarded by her colleagues for her extensive knowledge of legal and legislative issues; and

WHEREAS, Addie Horn was on the staff of the Austin-Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center, and she later served as the director of programs for the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, where she helped develop a Quality Assurance and Improvement System for Mental Retardation Services; she also worked in the private sector in New Mexico and Indiana and served as the director of long-term care services for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission before she became the deputy commissioner for the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services in 2004; and

WHEREAS, The department's commissioner since 2006, Addie Horn has overseen all of the agency's activities and care services as well as its nearly 15,000 employees; in this role, she has sought to enhance the overall system of care for individuals who are aging or have disabilities, and she has increased funding for programs and development, reached more clients, and introduced cost-effective practices; in addition, she developed the state's nationally recognized Promoting Independence Plan and Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Addie Horn has been recognized for her achievements on numerous occasions, earning the 1999 Leadership Award from the Texas Association on Mental Retardation and the 2004 Public Servant of the Year designation from the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities; in addition, she is the coauthor of "Addressing Consumer Expectations in Texas," which was published in a 2000 issue of the journal of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, and in 2004, she completed the Governor's Executive Development Program at The University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS, With the utmost dedication and professionalism, Addie Horn has made significant contributions to the State of Texas, and she may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as she prepares to embark on the next exciting chapter of her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Adelaide Horn on the occasion of her retirement from the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 2, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate