

By: Crownover

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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to  
2 recognize the Honorable Olive Stephens for more than a half century  
3 of outstanding service to the citizens of Shady Shores; and

4           WHEREAS, Recently elected to her 20th term as mayor of Shady  
5 Shores at the age of 92, Olive Stephens has played an important role  
6 in the town's history since before its incorporation in 1960; Mrs.  
7 Stephens and her family bought land in the area in 1957, and she  
8 served as a member of the city's first town council in 1963; and

9           WHEREAS, Mrs. Stephens was first elected mayor in 1973, and  
10 she was able to forestall increases in city taxes until 2002 by  
11 conducting fund-raising events, including garage sales, pancake  
12 dinners, Friday night dominoes, and ceramic classes where residents  
13 sold their wares to fund the fire department; the town was able to  
14 pay for a new community center in cash because of her efforts; and

15           WHEREAS, Mayor Stephens has received numerous honors for her  
16 legacy of service, including the Mildred and Taylor Hawk Award from  
17 the Denton County Historical Foundation and the United Way Life  
18 Membership Certificate; moreover, the Denton Independent School  
19 District has named an elementary school in her honor; and

20           WHEREAS, An exceptional public servant, Mayor Stephens is  
21 truly deserving of recognition for her dedication and for her many  
22 accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
24 Legislature hereby commend Mayor Olive Stephens on her many years

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1 of exemplary service to the citizens of Shady Shores and extend to  
2 her best wishes for continued success in all her future endeavors;  
3 and, be it further

4         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for Mayor Stephens as an expression of high regard from the  
6 Texas House of Representatives.