

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 53

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to the Reverend Dr. Shirley Murray on the grand occasion of her 77th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shirley Murray is the charming and devoted first lady and co-pastor of Full Gospel Holy Temple Church in Dallas; she is the wife of the Reverend Lobias Murray, with whom she has worked in the ministry for 47 years; and

WHEREAS, Noted for her deep religious convictions, her compassion for others, and her inexhaustible patience, she brings to her ministry the messages of hope, inspiration, and deliverance; and

WHEREAS, Her humanitarian outreach extends beyond the church; she is well known in the Dallas and Fort Worth areas for her sensitivity to the needs of the homeless and the underprivileged, for whom she provides food, clothing, and other supplies through the Helping Hand Outreach Ministry; and

WHEREAS, She is the founder and president of the Shirley Murray Child Development Center, a licensed and accredited facility that ranks among the top preschools in Dallas; she is also the cofounder of the Lobias Murray Christian Academy, the first fully accredited 12-grade African-American-owned private school in Texas; and

WHEREAS, On January 19, 2009, members of the Full Gospel Holy Temple churches will honor Dr. Murray with a banquet in celebration of her 77th birthday; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby recognize the Reverend Dr. Shirley Murray as a treasured citizen of this state and commend her for her spiritual leadership and her many contributions to her community; 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 January 28, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate