

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 717

**WHEREAS**, Sherry Cannedy of Wichita Falls has received the 2008 Linden Heck Howell Outstanding Teaching of Texas History Award from Humanities Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, The state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the nonprofit Humanities Texas honors one teacher of Texas history every year as part of its annual Outstanding Teaching Awards; the Texas history award is named in memory of Linden Heck Howell, a former chair of the organization's board; the winning teacher receives \$5,000 and his or her school receives \$500 for the purchase of teaching materials; and

**WHEREAS**, Sherry Cannedy teaches fourth grade social studies, reading, and writing at Southern Hills Elementary School in Wichita Falls; she attended Texas Tech University and earned her teaching degree at Midwestern State University; and

**WHEREAS**, Known affectionately by her students as "Mrs. Texas," this dynamic educator sparks interest in Texas history by taking her students on field trips to the State Capitol and the Alamo and other Spanish missions; she encourages her students to share their knowledge of Texas history with their parents; and

**WHEREAS**, Sherry Cannedy has written and directed a pageant of Texas history titled "The Spirit of Texas," performed every San Jacinto Day by the students at her school; she also shares her love of Texas history as a facilitator for the Lone Star Leadership Academy; and

**WHEREAS**, By instilling in her students a deep appreciation of the history and traditions of the Lone Star State, Sherry Cannedy plays a vital role in the growth of Texas culture, and she indeed merits commendation for the great contribution she is making to her school and her community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby congratulate Sherry Cannedy on winning the 2008 Linden Heck Howell Outstanding Teaching of Texas History Award and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Sherry Cannedy 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 April 24, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate