

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 996

WHEREAS, It is a pleasure for the Texas Senate to pay tribute to one of its most respected and beloved longtime staff members, Dianne Arrington, who is retiring as the Senate Journal Clerk after more than 27 years of loyal service to the Senate and more than 34 years of service to the state; and

WHEREAS, Prior to joining the Texas Senate, Dianne worked for the Texas House of Representatives for nearly two years and with the Texas Legislative Council for four years; she joined the Senate Journal Office in 1981, became the Assistant Journal Clerk in 1988, and was promoted to the position of Journal Clerk in 1991; she has been a fixture on the Senate floor through 11 regular legislative sessions and 17 called sessions; over that long course, she has never missed even a single day of session; and

WHEREAS, As head of the Journal Department, Dianne has handled her wide-ranging responsibilities with the utmost dedication and professionalism; while her position would be a daunting challenge for anyone, Dianne has distinguished herself by exhibiting both poise and perseverance in carrying out her duties; and

WHEREAS, As Journal Clerk, she has been responsible for the accurate accounting of the Senate's daily proceedings and debates during sessions and the documentation of bills and resolutions that were passed, the amendments presented, and the votes that were taken; required to be present on the floor whenever the Senate is in session, she is noted for her strict attention to floor debate, for her good humor, for her much-needed stamina, and, most certainly, for her valuable role as the one-and-only candy custodian; and

WHEREAS, As an exemplary legislative employee and officer, Dianne has effectively handled her heavy workloads and deadlines with patience and resolve; she is known for her wit and her smile and for treating others with warmth and respect; and

WHEREAS, A little known facet of Dianne's personality is her love of adventure; whether hang gliding in Hawaii or cruising on the seven seas, she lives life to the fullest, with evident relish and enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, A favorite among those who walk the Capitol halls and a cherished friend to many, Dianne will be greatly missed by all in the legislature who have had the privilege of knowing her, working with her, and laughing with her; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Dianne Arrington on her outstanding service to the Senate and her exceptional leadership as Senate Journal Clerk and extend to her best wishes for the next chapter of her life yet to be explored; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Dianne Arrington as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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Averitt	Harris	Seliger
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Estes	Nichols	West
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Dewhurst, President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 25, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate