

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1012

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Olive Stephens for more than a half century of outstanding service to the citizens of Shady Shores; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, An exceptional public servant, Mrs. Stephens is truly deserving of recognition for her dedication and her many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Olive Stephens on her many years of exemplary service to the citizens of Shady Shores and extend to her best wishes for continued success in all her future endeavors; 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.

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 28, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate