

By: Kolkhorst

H.R. No. 217

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Dorothy Morgan retired as Washington
2 County judge on December 31, 2010, having served with distinction
3 for two decades; and

4 WHEREAS, A native Texan, Dorothy Morgan was born in
5 Bleiblerville; she attended Bellville High School and Blinn College
6 before graduating from Texas State University; she taught for 18
7 years in the Brenham Independent School District, instructing both
8 junior high and high school students in social studies, literature,
9 government, and economics; and

10 WHEREAS, Judge Morgan began her career as an elected official
11 in 1982, when she became the first woman to serve as the mayor of
12 Brenham; she was reelected to that post three times and then ran
13 successfully in 1990 for Washington County judge, becoming the
14 first female to hold that title as well; she completed her fifth
15 term as county judge in 2010; and

16 WHEREAS, Judge Morgan has served the public in a number of
17 other capacities; she is a former president of the Texas
18 Association of Regional Councils and the Texas Council of Community
19 MHMR Centers and a former chair of the Commission on State Emergency
20 Communications, and she is currently the chair of the Mental Health
21 and Mental Retardation Authority of Brazos Valley; and

22 WHEREAS, The many honors received by this respected public
23 servant include the Outstanding Young Woman of America Award and
24 inclusion in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* and *Who's Who in*

1 *America*; moreover, she was named the 1994 Woman of the Year by the
2 Washington County Chamber of Commerce and the 2006 Community
3 Builder by the Masonic Lodge of Brenham; and

4 WHEREAS, In all of her endeavors, she enjoys the love and
5 support of her family, which includes her husband, Emmett, and
6 their four children and four grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, Judge Dorothy Morgan greatly benefited her fellow
8 citizens with her dedication, professionalism, and commitment to
9 excellence, and her many achievements as an elected official will
10 enhance the quality of life in Washington County for years to come;
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Dorothy Morgan on her retirement as
14 Washington County judge and extend to her sincere best wishes for
15 continued happiness; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Judge Morgan as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.