

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 857

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Honorable Patricia Bridges Andrews, retired associate judge of Tarrant County, who is being honored with the Yellow Rose of Texas by the office of the governor; and

WHEREAS, The Yellow Rose is bestowed on Texas women for their accomplishments and their records of lengthy community service; due to her many years of outstanding service to the bar and bench, Judge Pat Andrews was nominated for this recognition by the Arlington Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, During her career as an attorney in Arlington, Judge Andrews was noted for her dauntless spirit, her conscientiousness, and her attention to detail; and

WHEREAS, The first woman admitted to the Arlington Bar Association in 1974, she was considered a trailblazer in the Tarrant County legal community; in September of 1980, she left the private practice of law and began a career as a court master in the Public Defenders Office in Tarrant County, where she served until 1989; and

WHEREAS, In October of 1989, she transferred to the 324th District Court, where she served as court master and associate judge; she quickly earned a reputation as a fair but stern judge, and her decisions were respected by all; and

WHEREAS, Following her retirement from the bench in 2002, she has continued to be active in the Arlington Bar Association and served as its director from 2007 to 2010; she has also used her knowledge and experience to help those in need through her service as a volunteer attorney with the Women's Center of Tarrant County; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the Honorable Patricia B. Andrews on her innumerable contributions to the legal profession, the Arlington Bar Association, and the community and state and extend congratulations to her on being named a Yellow Rose of Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem 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 27, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate