

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 349

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Pat Crow on the occasion of her 70th birthday; and

WHEREAS, A longtime activist and campaign manager, Pat Crow has played an important role in the governance of Austin and the state; an insightful individual and political strategist, she is well known for choosing promising political candidates and coaching them to victory; and

WHEREAS, Pat was born in 1943 to a military family and traveled the world as a child; her life has included many adventures, such as hearing Tito speak, living in occupied Japan, and being a bystander along the path of John F. Kennedy's motorcade in Dallas in 1963; and

WHEREAS, Pat was inspired to enter a life of activism after reading Betty Friedan's *The Feminine Mystique*; she soon began to organize on behalf of women's issues and attended the founding meeting of the Texas Women's Political Caucus in 1971; she became an officer in the Austin Women's Political Caucus, and by 1982, she was ready to apply her efforts to the political arena as a campaign manager; and

WHEREAS, She began her career as a political consultant by leading Debra Ravel to victory in a race for justice of the peace in 1982; over the years, she has led numerous other candidates to victory, including Sally Shipman, Glen Maxey, Brigid Shea, and Will Wynn; among the many initiatives she has successfully shepherded through the electoral process are Austin's Save Our Springs Ordinance and the ballot creating the Travis County Healthcare District; and

WHEREAS, While recovering from a medical setback she suffered in the summer of 2012, Pat has shown the same courage and determination in facing adversity and in handling her rehabilitation as she has throughout her years of activism; her family, her friends, and the many political figures whose lives she has touched are grateful to see her in recovery and in good spirits; and

WHEREAS, Pat has been an invaluable voice for progressive government in Austin and across the state, and she is truly deserving of recognition on her 70th birthday and on this milestone in her life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Pat Crow on her exceptional accomplishments and extend to her best wishes for the future; 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.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 4, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate