

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1043

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Irma P. Hall on the grand occasion of her 80th birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, A woman of great charm, grace, and talent, Irma Hall is well known for her generosity of spirit, and she is a beloved resident of Dallas; and

**WHEREAS**, She was born June 3, 1935, in Beaumont; she grew up on the South Side of Chicago and attended Briar Cliff College in Sioux City, Iowa, before returning to Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, She was enjoying a long and productive career as a language teacher in Dallas when she was discovered by director Raymond St. Jacques, who cast her in the film *Book of Numbers*; she worked steadily in television and films throughout the 1980s, but her career took off after her performance as Aunt T. in *A Family Thing* in 1996 earned her a Chicago Film Critics Association Award and a Kansas City Film Critics Circle Award; and

**WHEREAS**, She went on to work in such major films as *Nothing to Lose* and *Steel* before being cast as Big Mama Joseph in the box-office hit *Soul Food*, and she reprised the role in the spin-off television series; she was cast in the acclaimed role of Marva Munson in the 2004 remake of *The Ladykillers*, for which she received an Image Award and a Jury Prize at the 2004 Cannes Film Festival; she continues to be in great demand for television and film roles; and

**WHEREAS**, A beloved and respected member of her community, she is noted for her warmth, her wit, and her wise counsel, and she inspires those around her with her enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby extend best wishes to Irma P. Hall on the occasion of her 80th birthday; 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 May 30, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate