

By: Kolkhorst

S.C.R. No. 43

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to
3 recognize the Honorable Judge Ginger Fagan, a treasured citizen and
4 a pioneer for women in Texas politics; and

5 WHEREAS, A native Texan, Ginger Fagan was born on July 4,
6 1936, near the rural community of Bonnie View in Refugio County; she
7 attended Calhoun High School in Port Lavaca, and she graduated from
8 The University of Texas at Austin with a degree in education; after
9 college, she taught second grade in the Refugio community for many
10 years; and

11 WHEREAS, Ginger Fagan was elected county judge of Refugio
12 County in 1979; she was among the first female county judges in
13 Texas, and she was the first female county judge to be elected in
14 South Texas; and

15 WHEREAS, This trailblazing public servant entered office
16 determined to expedite the widening of Highway 77, a project that
17 the Texas Highway Department had not prioritized despite numerous
18 accident-related deaths along the two-lane stretch of highway
19 between Victoria and Sinton; in the process of accomplishing her
20 goal, she became the first female county judge to testify in front
21 of the Texas Highway Department, and her ultimate success has saved
22 the lives of countless individuals; and

23 WHEREAS, Ginger Fagan is a distinguished community leader and
24 a principled fiscal conservative who represented the highest ideals

1 of public service throughout her 11-year tenure on the bench; she
2 has been an inspirational force that has motivated numerous women
3 to navigate and overcome the unique challenges of Texas politics,
4 and her proud legacy in the state will never be forgotten; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas,
7 hereby commend the Honorable Judge Ginger Fagan for her pioneering
8 leadership as county judge and for her many contributions to the
9 Lone Star State and extend to her sincere best wishes in all her
10 future endeavors; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for her
12 as an expression of esteem from the Texas Legislature.