

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the congregation of the Full Gospel Holy Temple fellowship of churches in celebrating the 85th birthday of Dr. Shirley M. Murray at The Legend and The Legacy Birthday Celebration, which is taking place January 20 through 22, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shirley Murray and her husband, the late Apostle Lobias Murray, cofounded the Full Gospel Holy Temple in 1961; over the years, the church has grown exponentially; it was established in the Dallas area with only six members, and it is now a ministry that has thousands of members in 35 churches across the nation; and

WHEREAS, A renowned humanitarian, Dr. Murray has been instrumental in the creation of numerous ministries that serve the people of Dallas, as well as people across the country; she founded Dallas's original Helping Hands Outreach Ministry, and she helped establish this state's first privately owned and fully accredited kindergarten through 12th grade African American school; and

WHEREAS, In addition, for more than 30 years, she has hosted an annual Women's Conference that draws thousands to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex; she also founded a yearly Youth Convention that attracts young people from across the country and that has helped countless young citizens acquire the knowledge and skills they need to live full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished author, she has served as a mentor to numerous ministers, and her commitment to education inspired

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her to establish the Apostle Lobias Murray Memorial Scholarship Fund; she is truly deserving of special recognition for her many contributions to her church and her community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Shirley M. Murray on her many years of hard work in the ministries of the Full Gospel Holy Temple fellowship of churches and extend to her best wishes on her 85th 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 January 18, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate