

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 161

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Elta Joyce Murphey McAfee, who has been named the 2016 Citizen of the Year by the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, For more than 50 years, Elta McAfee has been a vital part of the cultural arts scene in San Angelo, and her legacy of contributing to the community for the greater good has been an inspiration to all those who know her; and

**WHEREAS**, She has been active with the San Angelo Symphony board for more than half a century, and nearly every arts organization in the city has benefited from her generosity and expertise; she is a founding member of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, and in 1983, she was instrumental in fund-raising efforts for the San Angelo Civic Ballet's first performance of *The Nutcracker*; and

**WHEREAS**, In recognition of her \$3 million donation toward the restoration of the City Auditorium facility, the renovated auditorium will be renamed the Elta Joyce Murphey Performance Hall and Stage at San Angelo City Auditorium; other beneficiaries of her efforts include Angelo State University, the Angelo Civic Theater, the San Angelo Junior League, the House of Faith, and Baptist Memorial Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, She has been an integral part of the fabric of life in San Angelo for many years, and it is truly fitting that she receive special recognition; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Elta Joyce Murphey McAfee on her commitment to excellence in the arts and extend congratulations to her on being named San Angelo's 2016 Citizen of the Year; 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.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 13, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate