

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 465**

**WHEREAS**, Patsy Spaw, the beloved and highly regarded secretary of the Texas Senate, was recently honored by Executive Women in Texas Government and the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin for her years of outstanding leadership and her many accomplishments as a public servant; and

**WHEREAS**, Patsy Spaw was first hired by the Texas Senate in 1969, when she joined the Engrossing and Enrolling Department as a typist; she became the department's assistant enrolling clerk in 1972, and in 1977, she was officially elected to the position of engrossing and enrolling clerk; she served with distinction as head of the department for 24 years, and during her tenure, she began to forge what has become a legendary career with the Texas Senate that few can match; and

**WHEREAS**, As head of E and E, she oversaw the engrossment and enrollment of legislation and supervised numerous Senate employees; throughout her years in charge, she was noted for her managerial efficiency, her attention to detail, and her remarkable fortitude and tenacity in handling the long and difficult hours required by the position of enrolling clerk; incredibly, while serving as clerk, she managed to raise a family of four children and, concurrently, to attend law school and earn a degree from The University of Texas School of Law; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2001, Patsy was elected to the position of secretary of the Senate, the Senate's highest administrative post, and in this capacity, she has diligently served under three lieutenant governors, read countless bills, and supervised other elected officers and central staff; as the Senate's chief executive administrator, she is noted for her loyalty to each of the members of the Senate, for her incomparable work ethic, and for her exceptional diplomacy and poise; and

**WHEREAS**, During her long and productive career with the Senate, Patsy has always upheld the highest standards in Senate tradition, and as secretary of the Senate, her contributions to the work of the Senate and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor are immeasurable; and

**WHEREAS**, An invaluable asset to all who serve at the Capitol and a much-cherished officer of the Texas Senate, she is well deserving of the recent praise conferred on her by Executive Women in Texas Government and the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs; now, therefore, be it

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**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby extend to Patsy Spaw sincerest congratulations on her recent honor and deepest appreciation for her exceptional work and leadership.

Nelson, Zaffirini

Bettencourt  
Birdwell  
Buckingham  
Burton  
Campbell  
Creighton  
Estes  
Garcia  
Hall  
Hancock

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Hughes  
Kolkhorst  
Lucio  
Menéndez  
Miles  
Nichols  
Perry

Rodríguez  
Schwertner  
Seliger  
Taylor of Collin  
Taylor of Galveston  
Uresti  
Watson  
West  
Whitmire

Patrick, President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 20, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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