

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 629

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Marble Falls in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the election of Ophelia "Birdie" Crosby Harwood as the first woman mayor in Texas; and

WHEREAS, On April 2, 1917, several years before the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which guaranteed women the right to vote, the people of Marble Falls elected Birdie Harwood as their mayor; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1872 in Blanco County, Birdie married Dr. George Harwood, and they and their three sons settled in Marble Falls around 1900; Mrs. Harwood sought public office on the principle that once a woman had raised her children, it was her duty to do what she could to improve the community in which she lived; she ran on a platform of making the town clean and inviting and one of the beautiful spots in the state; and

WHEREAS, Today, women hold positions of political influence throughout the state and nation, but it is truly fitting that those pioneers who paved the way for them receive special recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life and legacy of Ophelia "Birdie" Crosby Harwood on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of her election as the first woman mayor in Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this historic occasion.

Buckingham

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 18, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate