

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 956**

**WHEREAS,** It is a pleasure for the Texas Senate to honor one of its most loyal and beloved longtime staff members by naming Susan Fontenette the 2017 legislative recipient of the Betty King Public Service Award; and

**WHEREAS,** For 25 years, Susan Fontenette has served the Senate with honor and distinction; over the course of her career, she has handled her responsibilities with dedication and skill, and she is held in highest regard by the legislators and the many Capitol staff members with whom she works; and

**WHEREAS,** For the last 20 years, Susan has served as a valued employee in Senator Whitmire's office, and throughout her tenure, she has been noted for her warmth, her graciousness, and her unfailing courtesy; Susan is also famous for her ability to keep proceedings in the Senator's office running smoothly, for serving as a much-cherished mentor and counselor to her co-workers, and for having a friendly face and a ready smile that can brighten the day for anyone visiting the office; and

**WHEREAS,** As a legislative aide, Susan is known for her expertise and sound judgment and for the manner in which she has handled a position that entails a wide range of responsibilities; she has played a major role in helping to meet the needs of constituents and in addressing their concerns, and her legislative experience and her thorough knowledge of the intricacies of Capitol proceedings have made her an irreplaceable asset to the senator's office; and

**WHEREAS,** A role model for anyone in public service, Susan has the ability to accomplish whatever mission is set before her,

and her high standards, her poise in the face of challenging situations, and her commitment to excellence represent the finest qualities of this institution; and

**WHEREAS,** Susan Fontenette is a treasured legislative employee who is admired for her exemplary work ethic and for the kindness she shows to all she encounters, and upon her retirement, her presence in the Capitol will truly be missed; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby extend sincere appreciation to Susan Fontenette for her outstanding service to the Texas Senate and congratulations to her on earning a 2017 Betty King Public Service Award; 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 May 29, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate