

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 853**

**WHEREAS,** The Legislative Reference Library has provided invaluable assistance to Texas lawmakers for more than a century; and

**WHEREAS,** The library houses a specialized collection of materials and is well positioned to support the varied and extensive work of legislators; along with legal resources and periodicals, its materials include historical and current publications of legislative committees, of state agencies, and of institutions of higher education, and original legislative bill files dating back to the 63rd Session; and

**WHEREAS,** The library's electronic data systems expedite the delivery of knowledge to the legislative community; the Texas Appointment System contains information on members of state councils, boards, and committees appointed by the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker; the Legislative Archive System holds the only electronic version of original legislative bill files and documentation, while the Index to Sections Affected details the proposed statutory effect of bills; moreover, the library maintains Texas Legislators: Past & Present, highlighting legislative membership information from 1846 to today, as well as a legislative reports database covering that same period, and it archives gubernatorial executive orders, messages, and proclamations; and

**WHEREAS,** During legislative sessions, the library plays an integral part in the legislative process; staff members develop electronic records in the Texas Legislative Tracking System for each bill or resolution filed, assign and enter subject terms and companion relationships, and review enrolled legislation for effective dates of each measure; moreover, library staff members stationed on the floor of the house and senate chambers enter

legislative actions as they occur, furnishing real-time information to the legislative community, to executive agencies, and to citizens of this state through such proprietary applications as TLIS (the Texas Legislative Information System) and TLO (Texas Legislature Online); and

**WHEREAS**, Among the services the library offers are a bill status hotline for constituents, professional and confidential research, a daily legislative clipping service, weekly listings of important journal articles, and monthly listings of newsworthy additions to the library's collection; and

**WHEREAS**, Guided skillfully by director and librarian Mary Camp, the Legislative Reference Library staff members are hardworking professionals who consistently demonstrate a commitment to excellence; they perform their duties with skill and dedication, and they may take justifiable pride in the important services they provide to the legislature and to the citizens of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby honor the Legislative Reference Library and extend to its director and staff sincere appreciation for their outstanding work; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the library 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 26, 2019.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate