

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 175

BY SENATOR SHAW

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Edith VeNora Hall.

WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana learned of the death of Edith VeNora Hall on May 20, 2010; and

WHEREAS, she was born July 25, 1938, and was a resident of Shreveport; and

WHEREAS, she was actively employed at the New Horizons Independent Living Center for the last fourteen years, where she set an example for independent living as an advocate, peer mentor, and skills trainer; and

WHEREAS, her ability to provide information on needed resources helped thousands throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, at the time of her death, she was actively involved in ongoing efforts to help people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, during her youth, there was no American with Disabilities Act, and she knew firsthand of the difficulties those with disabilities face, which compelled her to become involved in activities and organizations in which she was able to advocate for the needs of people with disabilities and obtain things to make their lives easier; and

WHEREAS, she was involved in numerous groups throughout her years, including Chairperson of the Post Polio Support Group of Greater Shreveport, the Shreveport Mayor's Council on Disabilities, Officer of AccessAbility group for indoor sports, member of the Louisiana Rehabilitation Advisory Council, Coordinating Founder and Developer of the Field of Dreams Park for full inclusion of children and adults with disabilities, former Miss Wheelchair Louisiana, the Handicapped Professional Woman of the Year 1985, recipient of the Patsy Barrett Award in 1999, and the Outstanding Citizen Award in 2001 from the Governor's Council on Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, because of her tireless efforts, she inspired hope to countless lives across the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, although the death of Edith VeNora Hall will leave a void in her community, her memory will live forever in the minds and hearts of those who knew and loved her and she will forever shine as an example of the potential in all of us, despite our hardships.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Edith VeNora Hall of Shreveport, does hereby recognize and record for posterity her exceptional accomplishments and inspirational life, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the pride and honor that this wonderful woman will forever bring to her family, friends, community, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Edith VeNora Hall and the staff and residents of the New Horizons Independent Living Center.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE