

## RESOLUTIONS

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## MEMORIAL—UEL STEPHENS

H. C. R. No. 46

WHEREAS, The community of Fort Worth and the entire State of Texas have lost one of their most distinguished citizens and respected professional engineers in the passing of Uel Stephens on July 8, 1976; Mr. Stephens had been a devoted and hard-working member and chairman of the Texas State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers from 1961 to 1976, the longest term of any member in this state; and

WHEREAS, A native of Lometa, Texas, Mr. Stephens was born March 23, 1893, and was graduated from Texas A&M University in 1916 with a degree in civil engineering. Upon his graduation, he was employed with the Mississippi River Commission and later with the Wisconsin State Highway Commission; and

WHEREAS, In 1917, Mr. Stephens joined the United States Infantry with the rank of second lieutenant; he faithfully served his country until 1920, when he retired from the infantry reserve as a lieutenant-colonel; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stephens devotedly served in several capacities for the improvement of his state: in 1920, he became the city engineer of Waco, and from 1933 to 1942, he was the chief engineer and associate regional engineer for the Public Works Administration at its regional office in Fort Worth; and

WHEREAS, In 1942, Mr. Stephens began an almost 20-year-long career with the water department in Fort Worth, serving as director of the department from 1947 to 1961; his experience and dedication were recognized when, in 1961, he was appointed to the Texas State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers; and

WHEREAS, During his distinguished years of service, Mr. Stephens made many significant contributions to the engineering profession and won the respect of all his fellow engineers. In 1960, he was named Engineer of the Year by the Fort Worth Chapter of Texas Society of Professional Engineers, and in April, 1976, the Texas Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers awarded him the highest acclaim of the society, the Award of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stephens will be long remembered for his tireless efforts in the registration of engineers throughout the state; he was an encouragement and inspiration to many engineers, especially in the Fort Worth area, who treasured his friendship as well as his contributions to the engineering profession; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, the Senate concurring, That the 65th Legislature pay tribute to an outstanding professional engineer and dedicated state official, the Honorable

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Uel Stephens, and extend sympathy to his wife, Mrs. Hattie Stephens, and his son, Uel Stephens, Jr.; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That official copies of this resolution be prepared for the members of his family, and that when the two houses of the Legislature of the State of Texas adjourn this day, they do so in memory of the Honorable Uel Stephens.

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**SUIT AGAINST STATE—KATHLEEN BURKE DUNBAR**

H. C. R. No. 47

**WHEREAS**, Kathleen Burke Dunbar alleges that she is the widow of Blaine Dunbar, who held certain property under an oil and gas lease from the State of Texas, and that under the lease, delay rentals were due on or before December 28th of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Kathleen Burke Dunbar alleges that the County Court of Gregg County, Texas, adjudged Blaine Dunbar mentally incompetent on March 31, 1975, and appointed his daughter, Peggy Dunbar Steele, as guardian of the estate, and that Peggy Dunbar Steele was unfamiliar with and indifferent to the holdings of the estate and did not intend to make the yearly delay rental payments due under the lease; and

**WHEREAS**, Kathleen Burke Dunbar alleges that on learning of the possible loss of her interest and the breach of the fiduciary duties by the guardian, she immediately tendered the entire amount of delay rental due on December 26, 1975, and that the check was received by Bob Armstrong, Commissioner of the General Land Office of Texas, deposited in the State Treasury, and paid by her bank on January 15, 1976; and

**WHEREAS**, Kathleen Burke Dunbar alleges that the Commissioner of the General Land Office of Texas now claims that the delay rental payment was not timely made and that the lease terminated on December 28, 1975 for failure to pay the delay rental; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, the Senate concurring, That Kathleen Burke Dunbar is hereby granted permission to sue the State of Texas and Bob Armstrong, Commissioner of the General Land Office of Texas, to require Bob Armstrong, Commissioner of the General Land Office of Texas, to accept the tendered delay rental and for whatever relief to which she is entitled concerning the lease; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That in the event suit is filed, service of citation and other required process be made on the Attorney General of Texas and on Bob Armstrong, Commissioner of the General Land Office of Texas, and that the suit be tried as other civil suits; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That nothing in this resolution may be construed as an admission by the State of Texas, or by any of its employees, agents, departments, agencies, or political subdivisions of liability or of the truth of any allegation asserted by the claimant, but the alleged cause of action