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Tribute at Delta Kappa Gamma dinner held 1965

Mom was sick and unable to go. Handwritten

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Sweeney History

EMMA MCKINNEY

For Emma McKinney, who so dutifully and beautifully exemplified the ideals of this society, we take this opportunity to pay respect. To her dedicated pursuit of our chosen profession, at this time of departure from active service, we fellow wearers of the KEY proclaim our love and our appreciation.

To provide you with appropriate opportunity to appreciate Emma's contributions as a woman, as a citizen, and as an educator, I shall chronicle these facets of her life to date:

I. First, let's view the honoree as a woman:

Emma, in the truest sense of the word, is a homemaker. She is a dedicated wife and the loving mother of four children. Incidentally, but totally indicative of her belief in the true values of education, each of her children is a college graduate. Her motherhood has earned for her the ultimate accolade -- there are those who call her grandmother.

II. Now, let us partially review Emma McKinney's role as a responsible citizen by isolating a limited number of roles in society:

1. Charter member of the First Methodist Church of Sweeney.
2. Twice-elected president of the Wesleyan Service Guild.
3. Member of long standing of the Sweeney Civic Club.
4. Oft-named Chairlady of the traditional community Christmas Tree Lighting Program.

III. Finally, let us place in focus and perspective Emma's

professional career:

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She started her teaching career in Sweeny prior to her marriage. After a respite during the tender years of her children, she returned to active service to remain for a total of 18 years. Emma earned both Bachelor's and Master's degrees at the University of Houston; there she was named to the campus chapter of Kappa Delta Pi.

Emma has long been a member of the Texas State Teachers Association, and has served as an officer in the local unit.

This dedicated public servant pinnacled her service in Parent-Teacher Association work as president of that school-allied body.

Our honoree was the first secretary of the Sweeny Teachers' Federal Credit Union, serving that organization in that capacity from its formation in 1957 until the immediate past year.

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Woman, citizen, educator -- Emma McKinney qualifies; here is the embodiment of the best in each.

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To conclude this oral tribute, I paraphrase a verse from Lucille Mason's "To You" --

The glow most brilliant
Shines within
Your heart o'er which the Key
Was pinned.
Your faith and courage
Cause your name to be
More distinguished than mine.
We respect your peroration
That has given inspiration.