

Wall Of Honor Nomination

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Wall of Honor

Name of Nominee: Elizabeth Ann Ellis Dunklin

Home Address of Nominee: Street Address: deceased

Years Attended Frankston Schools (if applicable): 1940-1952

Professional/Area of Achievement: Community Service
Philanthropy
Teaching

Name of Nominator: Margaret Dunklin Clary

Home Address of Nominator: Street Address: 432 Stephen F Austin Drive
City: Conroe
State / Province: Texas
Postal / Zip Code: 77302

Home or Cell Phone Number: (830) 330-4893

Email Address: srcmec2000@gmail.com

Submission Date: 12-07-2023

Please attach supporting information regarding the candidate's biography, legacy and contributions that address the question: "Why should this candidate be included on the Wall of Honor?"

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Elizabeth Ann Ellis Dunklin ~ Frankston Wall of Honor

In 2023 the internet defines philanthropy as "generosity in all its forms and is often defined as giving gifts of *time, talent and treasure* to help make life better for other people". This statement defines the work of the late Frankston native Elizabeth Ann Ellis Dunklin, as she spent much of her adult life in selfless service to women and children and families as a teacher and volunteer in Conroe and Montgomery County, Texas.



Elizabeth Ann Ellis was born August 19, 1934 on Kickapoo Street in Frankston, Texas at the home place of her parents, the late O. C. "Clyde" Ellis and Elizabeth "Beth" Simpson Ellis. Elizabeth, like her father and many other family members, grew up in Frankston and was an involved student at Frankston schools until her graduation as Salutatorian in 1952. Also a devoted member of the Frankston Methodist Church, she continued to support her home church with financial gifts throughout her lifetime.

Promotion Card

This certifies that Elizabeth Ellis,
having fulfilled all requirements of the Beginner Department,
is hereby promoted to the Primary Department of
the Methodist Church School of Frankston
Texas W. E. Whitesides
Superintendent of School.
Date Sept. 29, 1940 Mrs. W. E. Whitesides
Superintendent of Department.

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After high school Elizabeth first attended Tyler Junior College and was a member of the Apache Band and show choir, To-Kalon fraternity, Secretary of the Sophomore class and the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Phi Kappa Theta.

You are invited to become a member of Alpha Omicron Chapter of Phi Kappa Theta, national honorary fraternity. You are requested to make a written reply to Miss Mildred Hewell by Monday, October 12. The initiation fee is seven dollars, to be paid before October 13. This is the only fee ever required by this organization.

Next she attended The University of Texas at Austin and received a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics in 1956 and was a member of the Upsilon Chapter of Omicron Nu, an honor society.

**University of Texas
Home Economics Club**

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PROGRAM 1954-'55

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REGULAR MEETINGS
2nd and 4th Thursday -- 4:45 P. M.
Reading Room
Home Economics Building

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Council Meeting -- Open to All
Every Monday -- 5:00 P. M.
Reading Room

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Her post graduate studies at Sam Houston State University concluded with a Master of Education in 1957.

Sam Houston State Teachers College

Huntsville




Texas

Be it known that **Elizabeth Ann Ellis** having successfully completed the Course of Study as prescribed by the Faculty and Board of Regents and having complied with all other requirements of the College, has been declared a

Master of Education

and is entitled to all rights and privileges appertaining to that degree. In testimony whereof, the Board of Regents, upon recommendation of the Faculty, has granted this Diploma, bearing the seal of the College.

Done this the twenty-fifth day of May Nineteen Hundred fifty-seven


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May 14, 1957

Miss Elizabeth Ann Ellis
1632 Avenue O
Huntsville, Texas

Dear Miss Ellis:

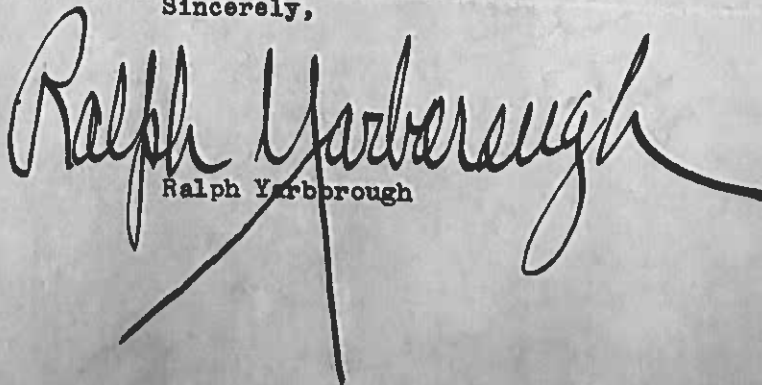
Please accept my heartiest congratulations on your impending graduation. I hope that this event is an upward step toward lasting success in your chosen profession. I am sure it will be.

Though I did not graduate from Sam Houston State, I count among the happiest memories of my life the time I spent there deep in the heart of East Texas' scenic splendor and historic inspiration.

Wherever you go from here, I would be pleased to hear from you, to know your plans and your progress in the years ahead. Do not hesitate to call on me, whenever I can be of service to you.

Again, my heartfelt congratulations! Mrs. Yarborough joins me in wishing you all the good things of life.

Sincerely,

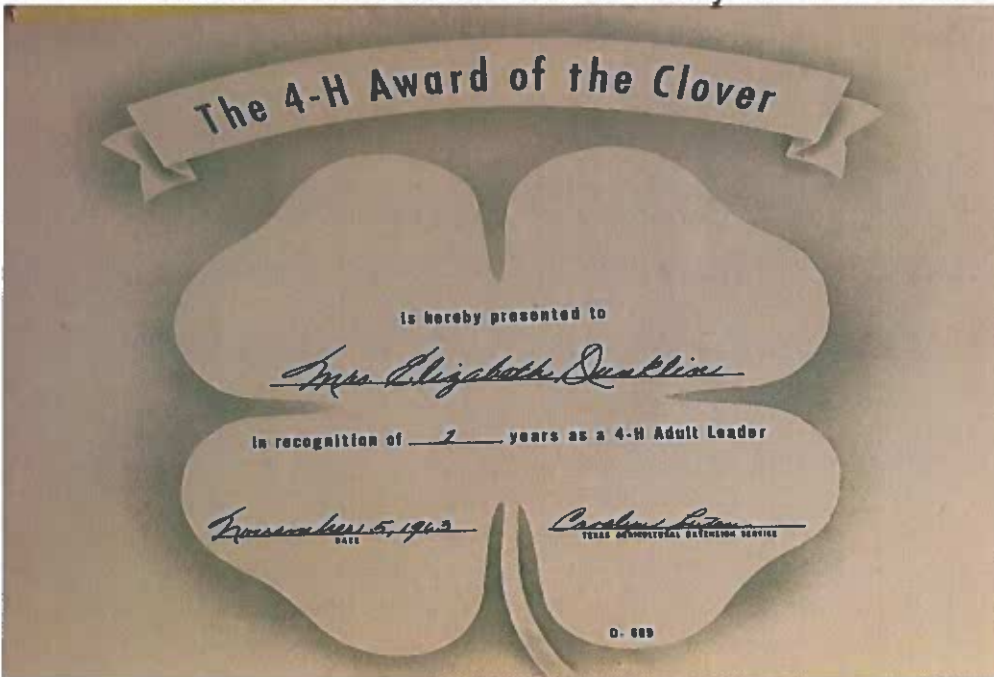

Ralph Yarborough

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Elizabeth Ellis married Frankston native James Dunklin in 1957 and moved to Conroe, Montgomery County, Texas where they soon became charter members of St Paul United Methodist Church. Elizabeth sang in the choir and taught Sunday School for many years. In 1976 the church honored them as Family of the Year.



Elizabeth began work in 1957 as the Montgomery County Agricultural Extension Service Assistant Home Demonstration Agent. Even though Elizabeth quit this job in 1959 to care for her son, she was still involved as a 4H Adult Leader as evidenced by her Award of the Clover in 1963.



Elizabeth had seven (7) Lifetime Texas Educator Certificates, so when her youngest child started school in 1966, she began her career as a 3rd grade (and eventually) campus Art teacher at Anderson Elementary in Conroe ISD where she worked until her retirement. While teaching she received an Honorary Life Membership in the Texas Congress of Parents & Teachers in recognition of distinguished service given to children and youth. In 1984 she won the Texas State Teachers Association Human Relations Award for doing the most to promote cooperation and understanding among the faculty, parents and students at Anderson Elementary. Elizabeth returned to SHSU in 1979 for an art degree to further amplify her teaching qualifications.

This certifies that

Elizabeth Dunklin

has fulfilled requirements of state law and regulations of the

State Board for Educator Certification

and is hereby authorized to perform duties as designated below:

PROVISIONAL

Description	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Status
All-Level Art Grades (PK-12)	01/30/1991	Life	<u>Valid</u>
Secondary Art Grades (6-12)	01/04/1991	Life	<u>Valid</u>

Official Record of Certification

Saturday, July 08, 2023

Elizabeth Ann Ellis Dunklin

has fulfilled requirements of state law and regulations of the
State Board for Educator Certification
and is hereby authorized to perform duties as designated below:

PROFESSIONAL

Description	Effective Date	Expiration Date
Elementary Self-Contained Grades (1-8)	05/01/1957	Life*
Secondary Grades (6-12)	05/01/1957	Life*
Vocational Home Economics Grades (6-12)	05/01/1957	Life*

PROVISIONAL

Description	Effective Date	Expiration Date
Elementary Self-Contained Grades (1-8)	07/13/1979	Life*
Elementary Art Grades (1-8)	07/13/1979	Life*

THE TEXAS CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS
A BRANCH OF
THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS

HEREWITH CONFERS AN

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

UPON

Elizabeth Dunklin

IN RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED

SERVICE GIVEN TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH



DATED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS

April 1972

Mrs. Jean Harris

PRESIDENT

NUMBER

32,682

Texas State Teachers Association Human Relations Award

Be it known that
Liz Munklin

has been selected by his/her colleagues as
the person who has done the most to promote
cooperation and understanding among the
faculty, parents, and students at
Anderson J.E.

M. Lamp
Principal

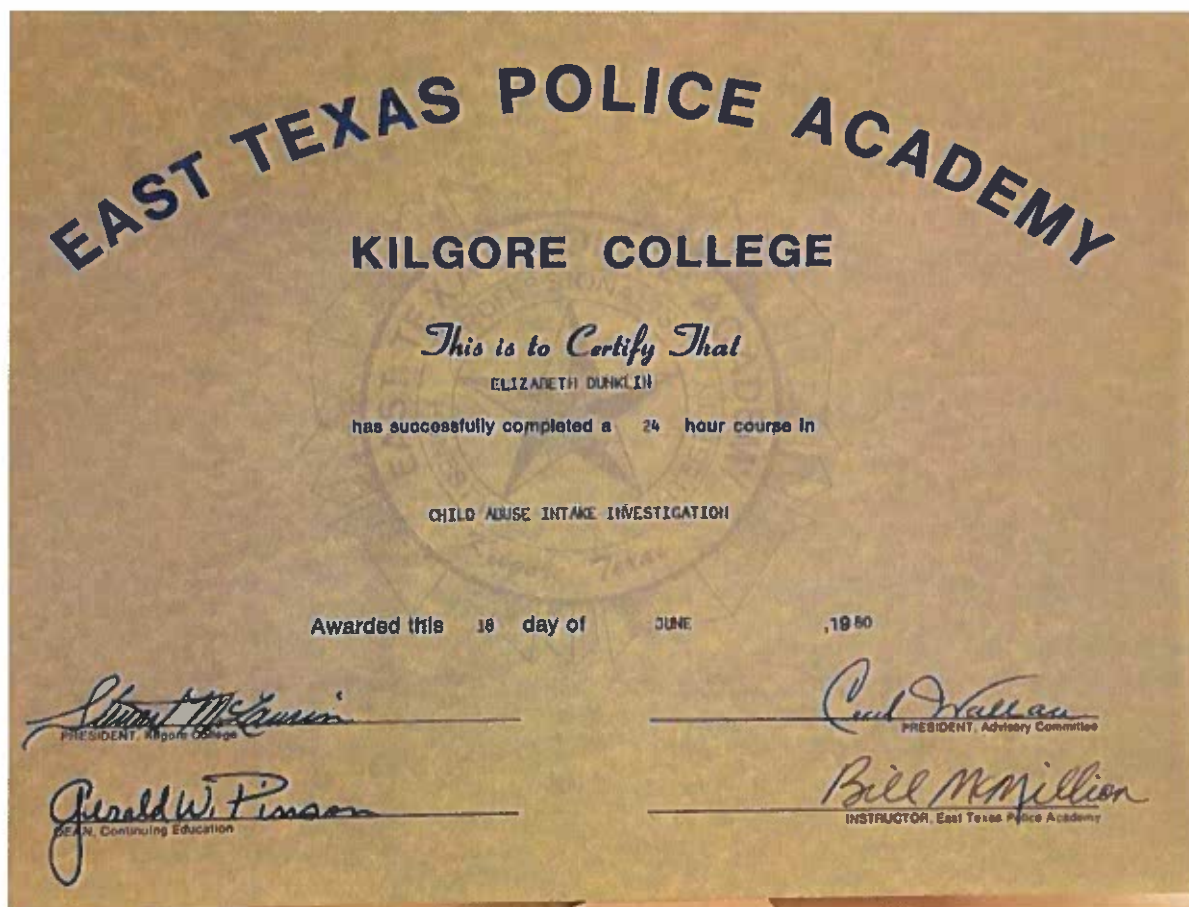
May 1984

President
Texas State Teachers Association
Conroe Chapter
Conroe, Texas

In 1977 Elizabeth was appointed as a charter member of the Montgomery County Child Welfare Board, now known as the Children's Protective Services (CPS) Board. After her appointment Elizabeth returned to East Texas Police Academy at Kilgore College for 24 hours of training in Child Abuse Intake Investigations.

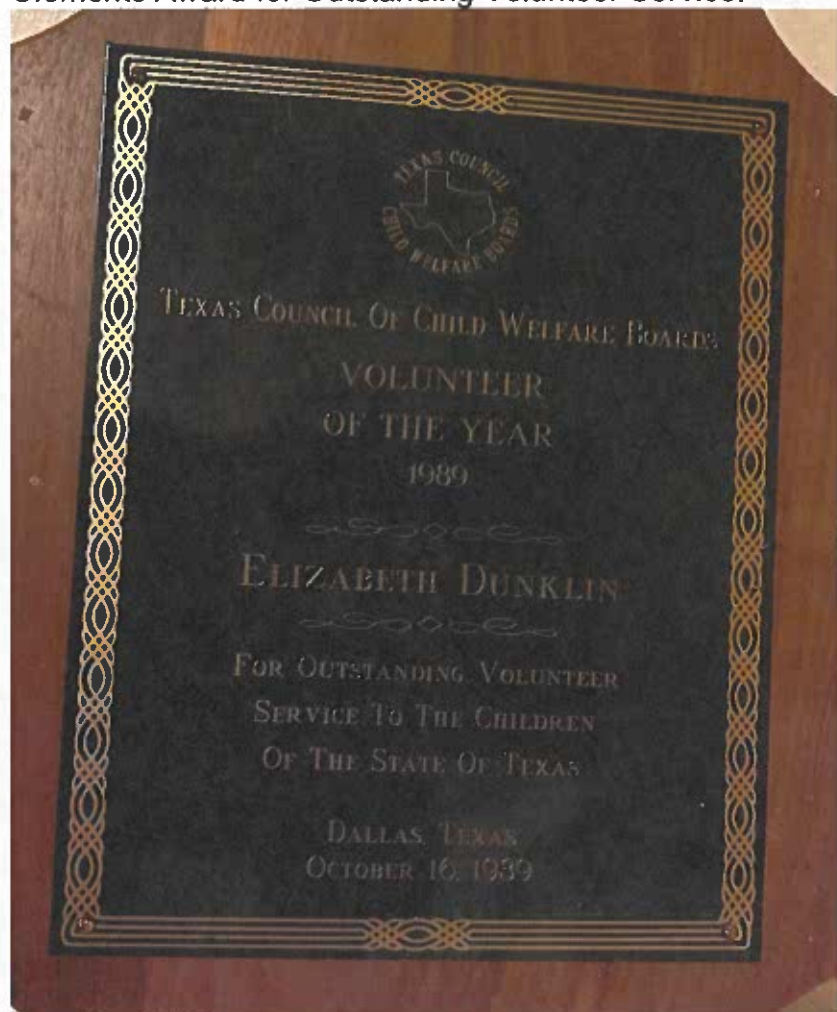
Region XI - Elizabeth Dunklin of Conroe. Mrs. Dunklin is a charter member of the Montgomery County Children's Protective Services Board. She served from 1977 to 1983 on the Board, and is currently serving a second term. She has served as President and Secretary of the Board.

In addition to her formal activities on behalf of the Children's Protective Services Board, Mrs. Dunklin has participated on numerous occasions directly helping children by baby sitting in emergency situations for foster parents, locating resources for clients, and volunteering at the Department of Human Services offices.



Elizabeth truly poured her heart and soul into volunteering for twenty years including years after she retired from teaching. A beloved and tireless champion for children, Elizabeth received the following state and local awards for her volunteer service with various boards and agencies in Montgomery County, Texas, including: Texas Department of Human Services (TDHS) Region XI, Montgomery County CPS Board, Montgomery County CPS Offices, Family Outreach of Conroe, Nearly New Thrift Shop, Rainbow Room of Montgomery County and Anderson Elementary (post retirement).

Honors bestowed upon Elizabeth that truly exemplify her efforts came with an award from the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards Volunteer of the Year and nomination for the Governor William P. Clements Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service.





STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AUSTIN TEXAS 78711

WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.
GOVERNOR

September 20, 1990

Ms. Elizabeth Dunklin
215 Summit Drive
Conroe, Texas 77302

Dear Ms. Dunklin:

On behalf of Governor William P. Clements, Jr., and the Governor's Office of Community Leadership/Volunteer Services, I am pleased to advise you of your recent nomination to receive one of the 1990 Governor's Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service. This annual award program honors volunteers, staff members and organizations who have made an outstanding volunteer contribution to their community and state.

Although you were not selected as one of the award winners, I would like to commend you for your commitment to volunteer service. Please accept the enclosed certificate as an expression of appreciation from Governor Clements and this office.

The volunteer effort is vital to the state of Texas. Thank you for your continued effort and dedication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Windham Wallace".

Ann Windham Wallace, Director
Governor's Office of Community
Leadership/Volunteer Services

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Other awards for her service including but not limited to:

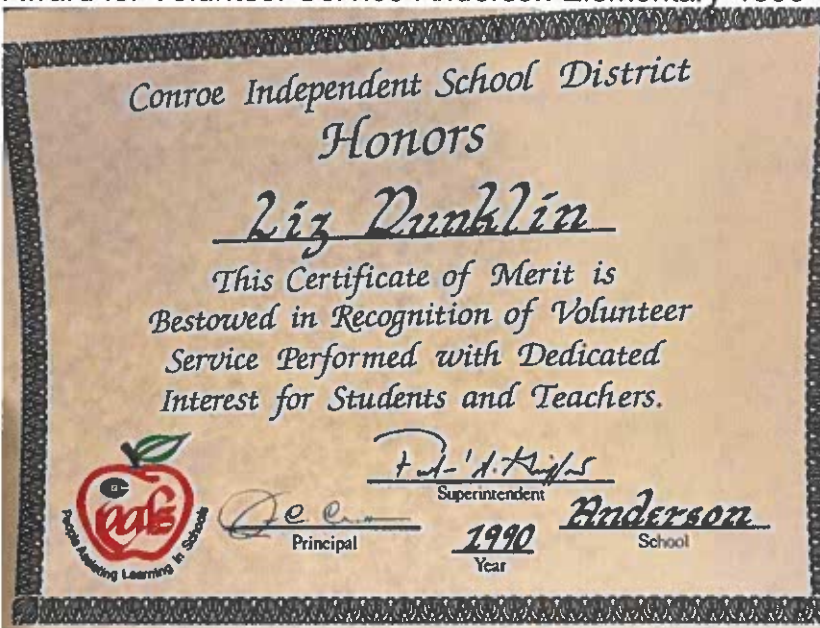
Award in Recognition of Dedicated Service-Montgomery Co. Child Welfare Board



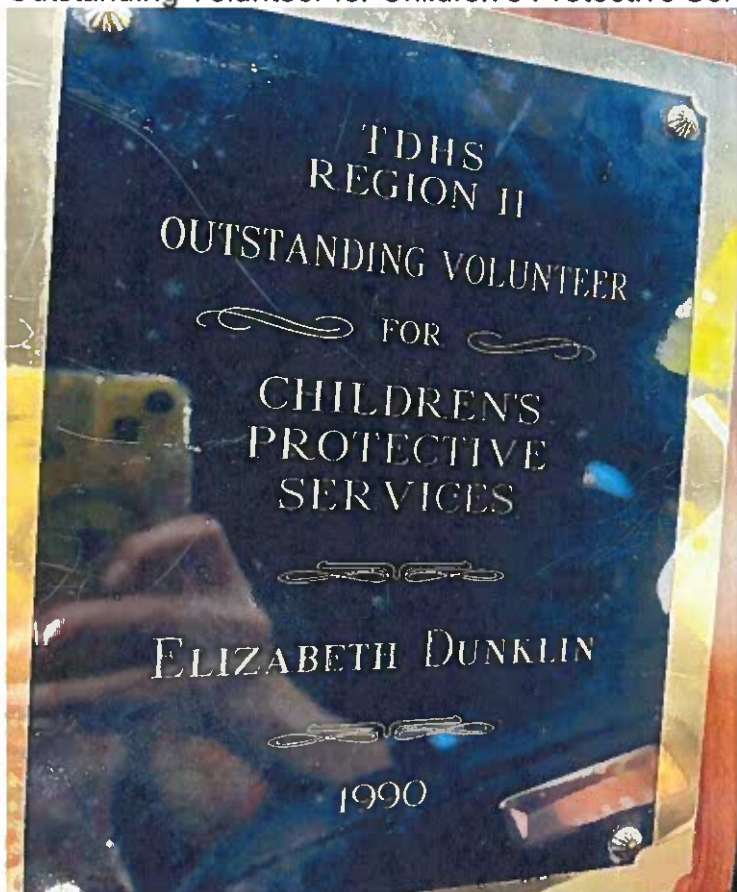
Outstanding Volunteer Award-Montgomery County Children's Protective Services



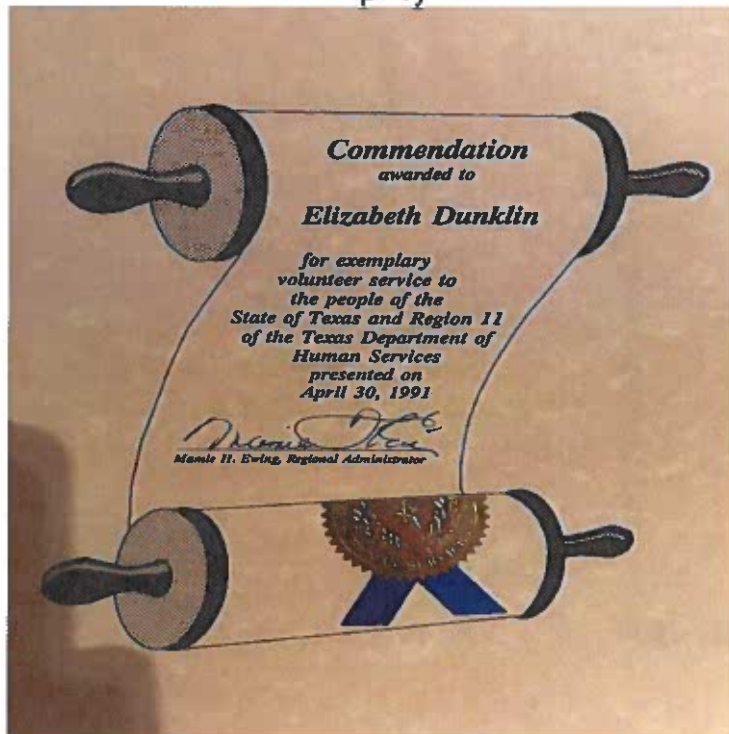
Award for Volunteer Service-Anderson Elementary-1990



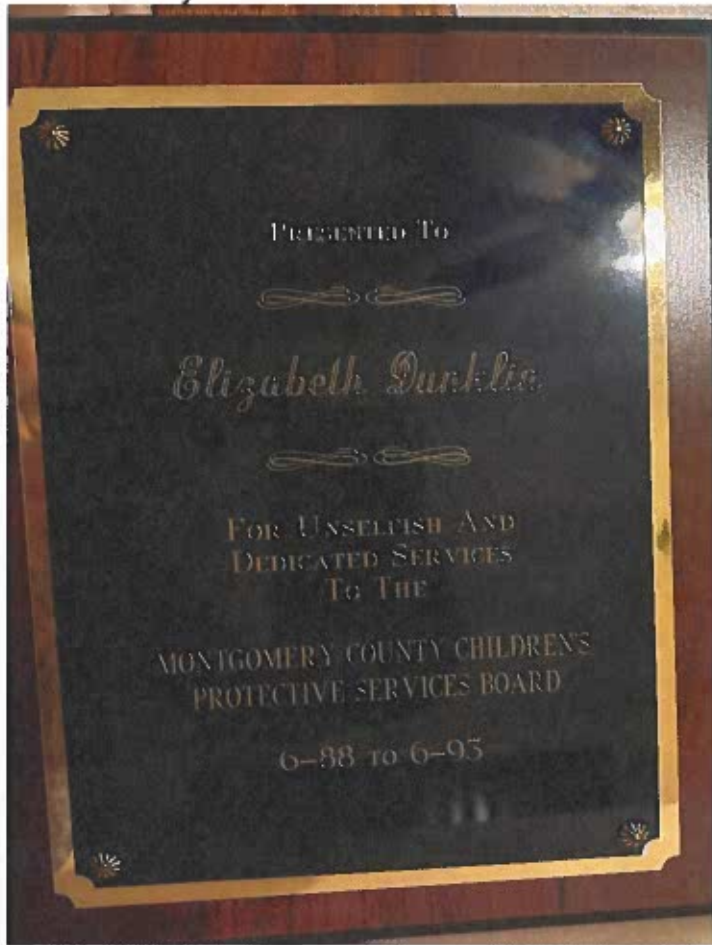
Outstanding Volunteer for Children's Protective Services-TDHS Region 11



Commendation for exemplary volunteer service to the people of the State of Texas and TDHS



Award for 6 years of unselfish and dedicated service-MCCPS Board



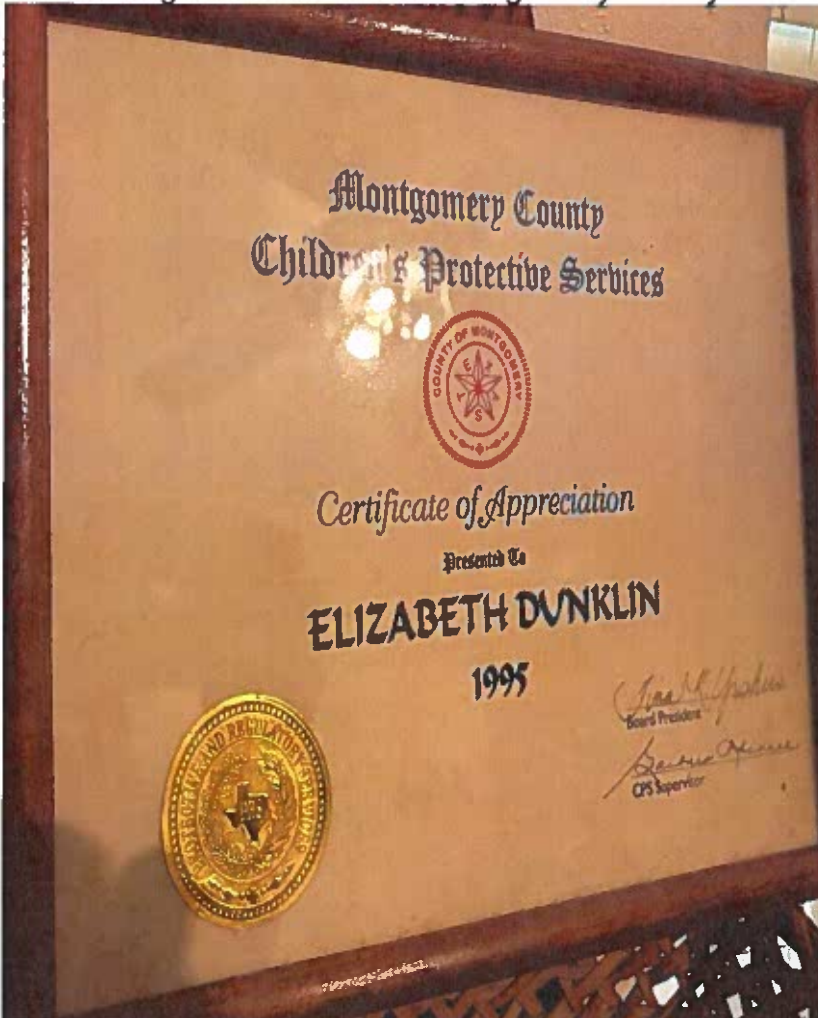
Volunteer Certificate of Appreciation-Family Outreach of Conroe



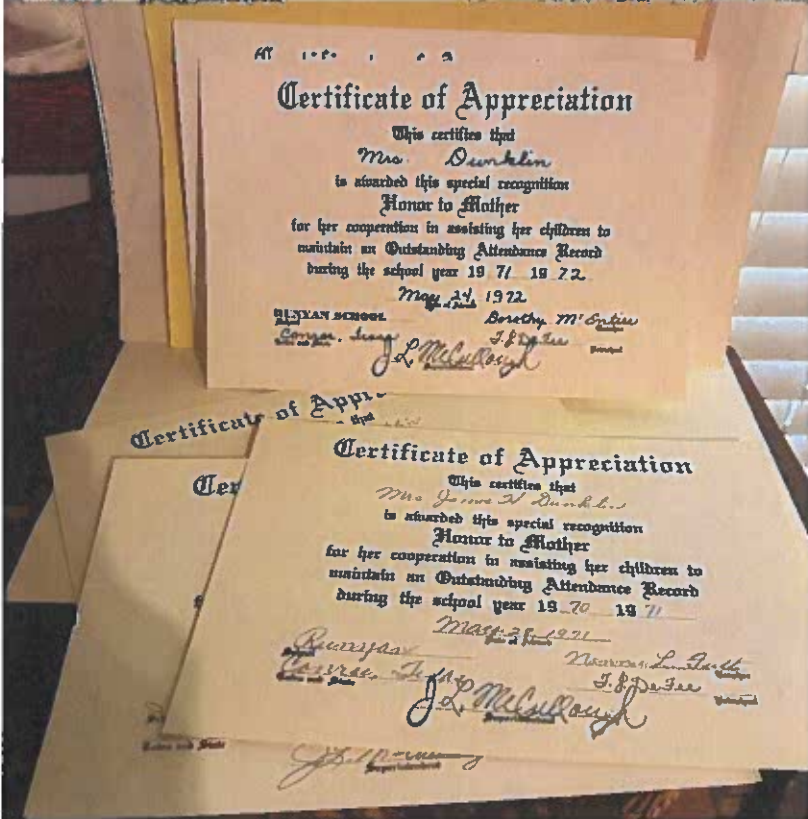
Outstanding Volunteer Award-Montgomery County Children's Protective Services



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In addition to the time and talent dedicated to teaching and volunteering, Elizabeth (and James) donated close to a million dollars to charity during their married life. However, my mother would want to be remembered only for her charitable work and not her monetary donations. As evidenced the following photo, there are boxes of receipts and canceled checks showing financial support of various organizations and individuals throughout her adult life, including continual support of First Methodist Church of Frankston, Frankston VFD, Frankston City Cemetery and Frankston Depot Library.



Elizabeth Ellis Dunklin passed away May 26, 2011 after spending the last years of her life traveling and caring for her grandchildren (and taking the babies to CPS Board meetings). A property owner in Frankston until her death, Elizabeth was proud of her hometown and I am proud to nominate my mother for the Frankston ISD Wall of Honor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Margaret Dunklin Clary

(Recommendation and recollections on following pages)

Elizabeth Dunklin or Ms. Dunklin

In 1988 my husband and I were looking for a house to rent and happened to find the perfect one next door to the Dunklins. As I write this piece, my heart swells and tears fall because of the important part Ms. Dunklin played in the next 12 years of my life.

Ms. Dunklin was a rare treasure in some turbulent years. When we met, I had just begun my teaching career as an Art teacher and she had left that position. That in itself gave us an instant bond. Teaching is a hard profession. She would talk about going back sometimes but she filled her life with family, friends and church. She would always encourage me and tell me stories from her experience to let me know that all would be well.

Anytime I think of her, I picture her floppy hat, garden gloves and pruning scissors in hand. She loved her yard. She would clip her daylilies on the dally and she gave a lot of love to the neglected inhabitants in my yard. She took care of my heart and my yard.

She was the quietly sturdy persona when my mom died not long after we moved in. And after my daughter was born a couple of years later, she saw me out mowing my yard with my daughter in a backpack. It was not a great choice but seemed to me to be the only choice I had at the moment. She came over to talk to me and just listened without judgement. I never had to do that again because she made sure my lawn was kept mowed.

As my daughter grew and her granddaughter came along, she hosted pool parties for the two letting them have the time of their lives in a little plastic pool on the driveway. They wrote on the cement with sidewalk chalk and I always knew my daughter was safe at the Dunklins.

When my daughter was three, Ms. Dunklin walked beside me through one of the darkest days of my life. My daughter had made an outcry against the babysitter's husband and I was stunned. I called her and she came over with her calm, reassuring demeanor. She helped me to know what I knew I needed to do. She stayed with me late into the night, entertaining my daughter and holding my hand as I navigated a nightmare.

Elizabeth Dunklin was kind, strong, and wise. She deserves to be honored.



Rebecca Brite

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11th Administrative Judicial Region of Texas
Honorable Susan Brown, Presiding
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Houston, TX 77002
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05/31/2011

I served on the Children's Protective Services Board for many years with Mrs. Dunklin. She was one of the most gracious, self-sacrificing, generous women I ever had the opportunity to work with. I learned much from her. She loved children and had a special place in her heart for the abused and neglected children of Montgomery County. She will be greatly missed by many.



 ADD A COMMENT

Kathy Waters

06/03/2011

I did my student teaching with Mrs. Dunklin in the spring of 1974. She shared so many aspects of good teaching with me. I have thought about her many times through the years and hope I taught at least half as good as she did.



 ADD A COMMENT

Lisa (Campagna) Jeffcoat

05/31/2011

To the family: I'm so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Dunklin was my 3rd grade teacher in 1974 - she was one of my fav's! I just loved her...the way she held herself - such a wonderful lady. I remember so many things from her class - Thanks for making a difference in my life Mrs. Dunklin! Love, Lisa



 ADD A COMMENT

Jenny Armacost

05/30/2011

My thoughts & prayers are with the family. She was my 3rd grade teacher. I loved her reading Little House on The Prairie books to us. She was the best & my favorite teacher.



 ADD A COMMENT



larry moore

05/31/2011

What a shock to read this at 10:30 Monday night. My first and only job, for 30 years, was PE teacher at Anderson Elem. school in Conroe. "Liz" took me under her wing and made me feel so welcome. I even remember her bringing two whole chickens to school one day and teaching me, during our lunch period, how to cut it up properly, so I could save money even on a first year teacher's salary. Many, many, wonderful stories are running in my mind, now. God bless you dear Liz.

