

By: Ratliff

S.C.R. No. 2

1 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to
3 recognize Bobby R. Walters, on the occasion of his retirement after
4 40 years of loyal service to Paris Junior College, including 15
5 years of outstanding service as president of the institution; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Walters earned an associate degree from Paris
7 Junior College in 1956, a bachelor's degree from Baylor University
8 in 1959, and a master's degree from East Texas State University in
9 1964; he married Imy Lou Caviness in 1960, and the couple has been
10 blessed with two children and four grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, Bobby Walters became president of Paris Junior
12 College in 1988; he had previously served the school as vice
13 president of Instructional Affairs, as dean of General Academic
14 Instruction, as chairman of the Division of Mathematics and
15 Science, and as an instructor in chemistry; and

16 WHEREAS, During his tenure as president, Paris Junior College
17 has experienced the largest growth in enrollment in its 79-year
18 history, and the college has expanded from its Paris campus to
19 additional campuses in Sulphur Springs and Greenville; and

20 WHEREAS, Bobby Walters has led the school into the computer
21 and technology era by the introduction of interactive video
22 classroom instruction for distance learning classes, Internet
23 courses, new technical programs, and workforce development
24 training for business and industry; and

1 WHEREAS, He has worked with universities to secure the
2 trouble-free transfer of courses and majors to four-year
3 institutions, and he has worked with other junior and community
4 college presidents and the Texas Legislature to establish the
5 designated service areas for each college in Texas; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Walters has been active in a number of statewide
7 educational organizations; he has served as president of the Texas
8 Junior College Association and has been a member of the Executive
9 Committee of the Texas Association of Community Colleges; and

10 WHEREAS, An exemplary citizen, Mr. Walters has contributed
11 his time and energy to the City of Paris and Lamar County in various
12 capacities, including serving as president of the Chamber of
13 Commerce and of the Paris Founders Lions Club; and

14 WHEREAS, Bobby Walters's dynamic leadership has been an
15 invaluable asset to Paris Junior College and the community, and he
16 has played a major role in making the college the first-class
17 institution it is today; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
19 2nd Called Session, hereby commend Bobby R. Walters on his 40 years
20 of dedicated service to Paris Junior College and extend to him best
21 wishes for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for him
23 as an expression of esteem from the Texas Legislature.