

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize James J. Foreman on the occasion of his retirement as county chair of the Democratic Party of Van Zandt County on May 3, 2004; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong Democrat, Mr. Foreman has been active in Democratic Party politics since 1971; he was elected to the Van Zandt County chairmanship in 1997 and has worked throughout his tenure to further the campaigns of numerous Democrats, including Vice President Al Gore, Senator David Cain, State Representative Bob Glaze, and gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez; and

WHEREAS, James Foreman graduated from Wills Point High School, and he worked as a journeyman electrician from 1954 to 1971; he was elected business manager and financial secretary of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union Number 59 in Dallas and served 11 years before his appointment to the international staff of the organization; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, he was appointed international representative and union organizer for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Washington, D.C.; he served in this capacity until his retirement in 1997; and

WHEREAS, A strong supporter of the union movement over the years, James Foreman firmly believes every person who works for a living should have the right to a job with decent pay and benefits; and

WHEREAS, A man of unique talents, great loyalty, and exceptional leadership abilities, James J. Foreman has been a source of strength and inspiration to other members of the Democratic Party in Van Zandt County, and he will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend James J. Foreman for his outstanding accomplishments during his tenure as county chair of the Democratic Party of Van Zandt County and extend to him best wishes for his future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2004.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate