

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 323

**WHEREAS**, After 27 years of dedicated service, Larry Mayo retired from the *Palestine Herald-Press* in December of 2004, and his retirement provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on his lifelong commitment to Texas journalism; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Mayo settled in Palestine after serving as human resources director for the *Dallas Times-Herald*; he was hired as general manager of the *Palestine Herald-Press* in 1977, and under the careful tutelage of former publisher Wayne Sellers, he learned the needs of Palestine's readers and assumed the role of the newspaper's publisher himself three years later; and

**WHEREAS**, During his illustrious tenure, this hardworking newsman oversaw the expansion of Palestine's paper from a small daily with a circulation of 3,500 to a regional center of production responsible for printing four daily newspapers, four weeklies, and a variety of commercial printing ventures; in 1984, he guided the mammoth task of converting the *Herald-Press* to a computerized operation, and today the newspaper continues to remain up-to-date through its use of state-of-the-art technology; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to his work with the *Palestine Herald-Press*, Mr. Mayo has shared his leadership skills with such notable organizations as the TXStar Cluster, consolidating the group's six dailies and overseeing their distribution to 35,000 households in East Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Committed to his community as well, Mr. Mayo also volunteered his time as president of the Rotary Club, the YMCA, and the United Way and as a board member of the Palestine Area

Chamber of Commerce; moreover, he currently serves on the board of the Texas Daily Newspaper Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Retirement from an outstanding career in the newspaper business will mark a new chapter for Larry Mayo; he intends to spend time traveling with his loving wife, Nancy, visiting his five adult children, and working and fishing on his farm on Lake Palestine, and he will no doubt take great pleasure in enjoying the handiwork of others as he reads the daily paper; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby congratulate Larry Mayo on his retirement from the *Palestine Herald-Press* and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Mayo as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 7, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate