

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 350**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Lucy Mathis and Dr. Lee Roy Mathis, Jr., have been named Patriots of the Year, the highest honor bestowed by The University of Texas at Tyler, for contributions that have significantly furthered the mission of that institution; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1995, Dr. Lee Roy Mathis led a successful community effort to secure a campus of The University of Texas at Tyler for Palestine; four years later, as president of Memorial Hospital Foundation--Palestine, Incorporated, he presented a check for \$1.2 million to The University of Texas at Tyler to create the Memorial Hospital Foundation endowment, which supports scholarships for area students at the Palestine campus; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the years, the Mathises have personally made several generous contributions to specific and discretionary funds of the university; moreover, they continue to be active supporters of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at all three campuses of The University of Texas at Tyler, underwriting such events as Nursing Jubilee and seminars for graduate students; and

**WHEREAS**, The Mathises both support the President's Associates, the Don R. Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center, and The Patriot Classic, a week-long series of events that raise money for student scholarships; in addition, both are charter members of The Heritage Society, an organization of individuals who have named the university as a beneficiary in their will or estate plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Now retired, Drs. Lucy and Lee Roy Mathis practiced medicine in Palestine from 1960 to 1995 and 1998, respectively;

during their distinguished careers, they each served as chief of staff at Memorial Hospital in Palestine and held the presidency of the Anderson-Leon County Medical Society; and

**WHEREAS**, The University of Texas at Tyler has benefited immeasurably from the extraordinary support it has received from this esteemed couple, and their philanthropy will enrich the lives of countless Texans for years to come; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby congratulate Dr. Lucy Mathis and Dr. Lee Roy Mathis, Jr., on their selection as Patriots of the Year by The University of Texas at Tyler and extend to them profound appreciation for their lifetime of good works; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Dr. Lucy Mathis and Dr. Lee Roy Mathis 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 9, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate