SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 334

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Wallace T. Ford on the occasion of his retirement from the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, A 1963 graduate of Virginia Union University, Mr. Ford began his career with the Medical College of Virginia as a laboratory specialist and supervisor; in 1971 he joined the Veterans Administration Medical Center as a research associate with The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas; he was the first African American to hold that position; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, he went to the Dallas Veterans Administration Medical Center as a research chemist; in the following years he coauthored or contributed to numerous articles and presentations; he earned a master's degree in environmental science and science education at The University of Texas at Dallas; and

WHEREAS, In the 1990s, Mr. Ford received training in radiation safety and health physics, and he has served as a radiation safety officer; and

WHEREAS, A talented and resourceful individual, Mr. Ford has handled his many responsibilities with exceptional professionalism and dedication; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary scientist and employee, Mr. Ford is admired and respected by his colleagues, and his presence at the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Wallace T. Ford for his many years of exceptional service to the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center and his many contributions to our state and extend to him best wishes for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him 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 February 26, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate