

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 427

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Matt Taylor for his many accomplishments and for his many years of service with the United States Department of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, Matt grew up in McIntosh, Alabama, a small Choctaw Indian community where his parents instilled in him the value of a good education; after he graduated from high school, he attended Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Matt left college to join the United States Army, where he served for three years in the Medical Corps; after his service in the military, he returned to Wayland Baptist College and completed his bachelor's degree, graduating in 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, While working for the Texas Employment Commission, Matt earned a master's degree at Louisiana Tech University through a program sponsored by the commission and the United States Department of Labor; he earned his degree in one year, and his subsequent work led to a job with the United States Department of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1974, Matt began his career with the United States Department of Education, where he helped expand postsecondary opportunities to underserved populations; he retired in 2006, and his effective leadership, his exemplary dedication to his work, and his commitment to students will be greatly missed at the department; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Matt Taylor for his many achievements and extend to him best wishes in all 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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 7, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate