

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 469

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Mr. Ronnie Brooks, who is retiring as director of the TRiO Programs at Texas A&M University--Commerce on August 31, 2007, after 32 years of loyal service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks began his career with the TRiO Programs in 1975, and has served as its director since 1986; and

WHEREAS, During his career, he has served as chair of the Council for Opportunity in Education and as president of the Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks earned an associate's degree from Henderson County Junior College and a bachelor's degree in speech pathology from East Texas State University; he attended the Southern Bible Institute of Dallas for postgraduate studies; and

WHEREAS, He is an active leader in his community; his accomplishments include serving as associate pastor of Mount Moriah Temple Baptist Church, chaplain for the Hunt County Juvenile Detention Center, president of the Commerce branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and second vice president of the Kiwanis Club in Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks has been an outstanding leader and has earned the admiration and respect of his colleagues and his staff members; his presence with the TRiO Programs at Texas A&M University--Commerce will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Ronnie Brooks for his many years of exceptional service to the TRiO Programs at Texas A&M University--Commerce 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 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 March 13, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate