## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 540

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Loupot's Bookstores, Incorporated, in College Station on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Judson E. Loupot, Sr. began selling used books, clothes, and other supplies for students from his dormitory room as a means to pay for his education at Texas A&M University; after graduating from the university in 1932, Mr. Loupot, affectionately known as "Old Army Lou," was reluctant to leave College Station; he remained in the community and poured his time and energy into his business, eventually opening three stores; and WHEREAS, Judson Loupot died in 1995, but the bookstores

WHEREAS, Judson Loupot died in 1995, but the bookstores have continued to provide outstanding service to the students at Texas A&M University and Blinn College; the business has remained a family business, and Mr. Loupot's daughter, Ann Loupot Daughety, owns the business with the longtime book department manager, Shri Parchure; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Loupot had a charitable heart, and he offered books, money, and food to needy students; and with the same generous spirit shown by Mr. Loupot, the bookstores support scholarships and donate to philanthropic student and community organizations; they have made a commitment to encourage student employees, to deliver trustworthy service through a knowledgeable staff, and to enrich the community by upholding the values of helpfulness, kindness, and respect for others; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas,

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend the owners and staff members of Loupot's Bookstores for the exceptional services they provide the students of Texas A&M University and Blinn College and extend to them best wishes for a wonderful 75th anniversary; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of esteem 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 21, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate