

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 553

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the members of Class 16 of Leadership Rowlett, who are visiting the State Capitol on March 21 and 22, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Rowlett is part of a national leadership program in which participants attend class sessions over a nine-month period and meet with local civic and business leaders to learn more about how local, county, and state government affects the citizenry and business dealings of their community; the program helps class members cultivate personal, organizational, and community leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, This year's Leadership Rowlett group operates under the direction of Chairperson Nelda Lavendar of the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; David Watlington, program chairman of Leadership Rowlett; and steering committee members and facilitators Joan Leonard and Debbie Kneggs; benefiting from their guidance and commitment are 11 individuals who come from diverse backgrounds and disciplines: Katie Corder, Rob DeGroot, Steve Ferrie, and Jennifer Roberson of the City of Rowlett; Vicki Devantier of the Garland Independent School District; Brandon Frosch of Chase Bank; Paul Lott of Lindy Lott Wreckers Service; Ellis Mayberry of Capital One Bank; Greg Mitchell of The Mitchell Law Firm; Rob Parker of American National Bank; and Joshua Whitaker of LakePointe Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Endeavoring to build a more informed and involved citizenry and to develop new civic leaders, all those associated with this invaluable program are helping to ensure a bright future for the citizens of Rowlett; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby recognize the members of Leadership Rowlett Class 16 and extend to them best wishes for an educational and enjoyable visit to the seat of Texas government; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Leadership Rowlett participants 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 22, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate