

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 557

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Sam Murphey, who is retiring after 38 years of loyal service to his country in the military and in civilian federal service; and

**WHEREAS**, Following his graduation from The University of Texas at Austin, Sam Murphey began a 22-year distinguished career in the United States Army; his career included a combat tour in Vietnam and postings in the United States, Europe, and Korea; his service also included a teaching assignment in the United States Army Field Artillery School and service as air officer commander of Cadet Squadron 29; and

**WHEREAS**, Following his service in the military, Sam continued to serve his country by joining the office of United States Representative Chet Edwards of the 17th Congressional District of Texas; Sam has served as Representative Edwards' district director for 16 years, and throughout his tenure, he has handled his many responsibilities with exceptional skill and dedication; and

**WHEREAS**, Active in community affairs, Sam is past chair of the Harker Heights Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and is a cofounder of the Harker Heights Economic Development Corporation; he is past president of the Central Texas-Fort Hood Chapter of the Association of the United States Army and of the Central Texas Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout his military and civilian careers, Sam has been steadfastly supported by his wife, Peggy, who has had an admirable public service career of her own, offering invaluable support to the members of the armed forces of our country; and

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary public servant, Sam is admired and respected by his colleagues, and his presence in the office of the 17th Congressional District will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Sam and Peggy Murphey for their exceptional service to our state and our nation and extend to them best wishes for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them 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.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate