

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 935**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Donald Wayne Haynes, who retired on February 22, 2007, after 31 years and eight months of loyal service with the City of Houston Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Donald Haynes holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Houston, a master's degree in criminal justice administration from Sam Houston State University, and an associate's degree in fire technology from Houston Community College; he also graduated from the 166th Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in Quantico, Virginia; he served over 22 years in the Houston Arson Bureau as a peace officer; and

**WHEREAS**, He began his exceptional career in the Houston Fire Department as a firefighter and chauffeur and engineer in 1975; he became an inspector in 1982 and an investigator in 1985; he served for a year as assistant fire chief and was a senior investigator; he served as assistant chief investigator from 2001 until his recent retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief Haynes also holds many state certifications, including that of master firefighter, master fire and arson investigator, master peace officer, and field examiner; he is a State of Texas licensed polygraph examiner; and

**WHEREAS**, A highly respected leader in the community, he is a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and he has been a member of Omega Psi Phi

Fraternity, Incorporated, for over 35 years; he served on the board of directors of Shape Community Center for over 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, During his career as a firefighter, Donald Haynes handled his many responsibilities with courage and conviction and was dedicated to making Houston a safer place in which to live, and he deserves recognition for his outstanding service; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Donald Wayne Haynes for his superior career in firefighting 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.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 1, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate