

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1041

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Charles R. "Chuck" Courtney on the occasion of his retirement as president of the Texas Retailers Association; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Courtney began his retail association career in 1984 by serving as a lobbyist and as director of public affairs; in 2001, he became only the third president of the association, succeeding 35-year veteran Mickey Moore; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as president, Chuck has played an important role in the association's successful negotiations with the legislature regarding taxes and other issues; he has been a positive influence on the association's ability to forge a closer relationship with such groups as grocers and independent pharmacists, which in other states are often at odds with the retail industry; and

WHEREAS, A former administrative assistant to Gibson D. Lewis, speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, Chuck has served our state and the Texas Retailers Association with dedication and distinction; he is truly deserving of recognition for his many achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Charles R. Courtney for his leadership and many years of service to the Texas Retailers Association 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 May 21, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate