

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1042

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes great pride in recognizing Carleton Turner, who recently stepped down from his position as Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate after 20 years of loyal and outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure at the Senate, Carleton Turner enjoyed the enduring respect of the Senate body, legislative staff members, and Capitol employees from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Turner joined the office of the sergeant-at-arms in 1983; he was elected the Senate's sergeant-at-arms in 1986 and has ably and effectively maintained the order and decorum of the Senate chamber over the past two decades; and

WHEREAS, During his time in office, he was a witness to Texas history and played an important part in its making, and he handled his multifaceted responsibilities with tact and skill, often under complex and difficult circumstances; and

WHEREAS, His role during legislative sessions involved coordinating security measures with the Texas Department of Public Safety, enforcing floor rules, and securing the attendance of senators; he also supervised the Senate messengers, the parking attendants, the assistant sergeants, and the porters; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Turner set high standards in carrying out his duties and was noted for his fair-mindedness, integrity, and political neutrality; and

WHEREAS, He served on the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures and was a member of the National Legislative Services and Security Association; he served as the association's president from 1995 to 1997 and was the recipient of the association's Tony Beard Memorial Award in 2000 and its John Everhardt "Trooper" Award in 2003; and

WHEREAS, In Austin, he has served as an active member of the community and as a leader in various humanitarian projects; he is a member of the Capitol of Texas Rotary Club and has given of his time and energy in support of the Ronald McDonald House; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Turner's many talents and interests include managing his ranch near Junction, where he raises longhorn cattle, and tending to his vineyard; he is also known for his culinary skills and is famous for his mouth-watering and tear-inducing chili; Mr. Turner shares his joy of life and his many interesting pursuits with his wife, Cindy, whom he married in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Noted for his courteous and friendly style of management and for his easygoing charm and sense of humor, Carleton Turner is beloved by members of the Senate and innumerable legislative employees, and his presence in the Capitol is greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby express sincerest appreciation to Carleton Turner for his many years of dedication to his work and his exceptional service as Senate sergeant-at-arms and extend to him congratulations on his many accomplishments and best wishes for his future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Carleton Turner as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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Dewhurst, President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 24, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate