

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 236

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Hal L. Fowler for his 32 years of service in Fannin County on the occasion of his retirement from the Fannin County Community Supervision and Corrections Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Hal Fowler began his career in the field of corrections with the Texas Youth Commission in Lamar County, supervising juveniles as a caseworker; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1977, Mr. Fowler was promoted to the position of Director of Fannin County Adult Probation, and he was the sole probation officer within the department for nine years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Fowler obtained a position with the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles as a field officer in 1986; in 1989, Mr. Fowler left the corrections field and returned to his family ranch in Lamar County, where he worked until 1993, at which time he returned to corrections; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Fowler's leadership and experience were instrumental in a successful effort to resume an independent probation department for Fannin County in 1994; the newly formed department allowed Fannin County to improve its use of funding from the state and to concentrate on the needs of the department and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, As Director of the Fannin County Probation Department, Hal Fowler has developed special programs to address the needs of probationers and the community in Fannin County; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Fowler created specialized caseloads for sex offenders, substance abusers, and persons sentenced to the Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility; Mr. Fowler was also instrumental in establishing a drug court in 2004 and a mental health court in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Under Hal Fowler's leadership, the Fannin County Community Supervision and Corrections Department has grown from one probation officer and director to a staff of 10; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Fowler has been instrumental in creating a three percent bonding program, which was adopted by the Fannin County Commissioners Court; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Fowler has been active in various organizations apart from his probation career; he has been an active member of the First United Methodist Church for 30 years, a Honey Grove Independent School District School Board member for 14 years, and a Honey Grove City Council member for four years; he has also been active in the Verne Cooper Education Foundation, the Valley of the Caddo Nation Board, the Southern States Corrections Association, the Texas Probation Association, the

Texas Corrections Association, and the American Probation and Parole Association, and he is the cofounder of the Fannin County Literacy Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hal L. Fowler and his wife, Mary, will celebrate 41 years of marriage in March of 2009, and after retirement Hal intends to return to a life of full-time ranching; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Hal L. Fowler on his outstanding career and his unwavering dedication and service, 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 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 February 17, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate