

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 754

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Gene Powell, who was recently appointed by Governor Rick Perry to the Board of Regents for The University of Texas System; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Weslaco, Mr. Powell earned a bachelor's degree in finance at The University of Texas at Austin while playing football under legendary coach Darrell K. Royal; he went on to receive a master's degree in finance at the university; and

WHEREAS, A businessman and entrepreneur, Mr. Powell has played a vital role in managing and creating numerous successful ventures; he served as president of the Quincy Lee Company, which was one of San Antonio's largest commercial real estate development companies; he founded The Powell Companies real estate brokerage and Bitterblue, Incorporated, which has worked on some of San Antonio's premier developments, including Lincoln Heights and The Quarry; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Mr. Powell cofounded the medical software company AirStrip Technologies, which creates the tools used by hospitals nationwide to transmit critical patient data from the hospital to a physician's cell phone; and

WHEREAS, Active in civic affairs, Gene Powell is a member of the Real Estate Council, the Greater San Antonio Builders Association, and the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; he took the oath of office for his position as regent on April 3, 2009, and he is truly deserving of recognition for his many achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Gene Powell for his outstanding contributions to his community and profession and extend congratulations to him on being named to the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System; and, be it further

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

Wentworth

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 28, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate