

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 496

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Ron Tyler, who is retiring on April 1, 2011, after many years of outstanding service as director of the Amon Carter Museum of American Art; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tyler began his service to the museum in 1969 and served as curator and assistant director for collections and programs for more than 17 years; he then served as a professor of history at The University of Texas at Austin for 20 years before returning to the museum to assume the duties of director; and

WHEREAS, Under his expert leadership, the museum's collection has grown through numerous valuable acquisitions of American art; the museum has also undergone extensive renovation and updating, and its educational programs and online presence have expanded dramatically; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tyler has published many articles in scholarly publications and has organized numerous major exhibitions; he is in much demand as a lecturer on exploration art, American and Western art and history, and John James Audubon; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tyler is the editor and author of more than two dozen books, including *Alfred Jacob Miller: Artist as Explorer* and *The Image of America in Caricature and Cartoon*; he has received numerous awards for his work, including the Texas State Historical Association's Coral H. Tullis Award for the best book on Texas history for *The Big Bend: A History of the Last Texas Frontier*; and

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WHEREAS, An exemplary historian and administrator, he is respected and admired by his colleagues, and his presence at the Amon Carter Museum of American Art will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Ron Tyler on his exceptional service as director of the Amon Carter Museum of American Art and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; 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 March 15, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate