

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 764

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the *Villager* newspaper on the occasion of its 40th anniversary, which is being celebrated May 11, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, The *Villager* newspaper is a weekly community service publication of the Black Registry Publishing Company; the company was founded in 1969 by T. L. Wyatt to create a classified directory of African American-owned businesses in Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Wyatt soon recognized the need for a newspaper that could report the latest in positive news about the African American community; thus in 1973, he established the *Villager* newspaper; and

**WHEREAS**, A graduate of Bishop College, Mr. Wyatt has been actively involved in the Austin community for more than 40 years; he was a founding member of the Capital City Chamber of Commerce and was the first African American to join the Austin Jaycees; he has served as president of the Austin Centex Chapter of the National Business League and was a member of the city's Private Industry Council; he currently sits on the board of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program; and

**WHEREAS**, The *Villager* newspaper has been a mainstay in Austin's African American community since its inception and has experienced continuous growth in the Austin market; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend T. L. Wyatt on his contributions to the community as publisher and editor of the *Villager* newspaper and extend best wishes to all associated with the newspaper, for a memorable 40th anniversary celebration; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the newspaper 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 April 25, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate