

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 58

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. W. David Watts, who has been named the recipient of the 2014 Citizen of the Year Award by the Odessa Chamber of Commerce; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Watts is president of The University of Texas of the Permian Basin; a native Texan and graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, he earned a master's degree and a doctoral degree in sociology from the State University of New York in Buffalo; and

**WHEREAS**, He became president of The University of Texas of the Permian Basin in 2001 after having served as vice president for academic and student affairs at Jacksonville State University in Alabama; his prior experience also included serving as a department chair and faculty member at Southwest Texas State University and as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Southeastern Louisiana University; and

**WHEREAS**, His extensive research and publications on sociological issues related to drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment have had a profound impact on the lives of many; his work supporting educational issues has included service on numerous statewide task forces and committees; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Watts has had a significant impact on his community and his profession, and it is truly fitting that he receive special recognition for his outstanding achievements; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commend Dr. W. David Watts on his many contributions to The University of Texas of the Permian Basin and the citizens of this state and extend congratulations to him on receiving the 2014 Citizen of the Year Award from the Odessa Chamber of Commerce; 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 January 26, 2015.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate