

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 815

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. F. Ellsworth Peterson for his leadership in the Georgetown community and for his role in the creation of the Georgetown Festival of the Arts; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Peterson is professor emeritus at Southwestern University, where he held the Margaret Root Brown Chair in Fine Arts; while serving as the Brown Chair holder, he brought a range of internationally noted scholars and performers to the school through Brown symposia; productions included Gustav Mahler and His Vienna, the classical music of Thailand, and a rare complete performance of Shostakovich's quartets by the Manhattan String Quartet; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Peterson spearheaded the creation of the Georgetown Festival of the Arts, and he has served as its artistic director since 2005; under his leadership, the festival has celebrated such masters as Handel, Haydn, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Brahms and Aaron Copland; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, Dr. Peterson has played a vital role in promoting and supporting the fine arts in Georgetown and Williamson County, and it is truly fitting that he receive special recognition for his achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Dr. F. Ellsworth Peterson on his many contributions to the Georgetown community and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his 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 May 19, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate