

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 687

WHEREAS, Professor M. Theron Waddell is retiring from Galveston College on May 20, 2019, drawing to a close a remarkable career as an educator that has spanned more than half a century; and

WHEREAS, Theron Waddell earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in government and history at The University of Texas, and early in his career, he worked for the Texas Legislature in the offices of two state senators; from 1967 to 1969, he was staff counsel to the Senate Interim Committee on Vocational-Technical Education, and he authored "To Bridge the Gap," a comprehensive report that helped lay the foundation for the state's current system of vocational and technical education; and

WHEREAS, After teaching for Sam Houston State University, Houston Baptist College, San Antonio College, and San Jacinto College, Professor Waddell joined the faculty of Galveston College in 1969; in addition to teaching government, he has served as chair of the department of social sciences, special assistant to the president for policy research and writing, acting assistant dean of the division of humanities, acting director of student services, and director of the division of arts and humanities; he has also taught as an adjunct at Texas A&M University in Galveston and at the University of Houston-Clear Lake; and

WHEREAS, A leader in his profession, Professor Waddell has contributed to the Texas Community College Teachers Association as vice president and program chair of the government section;

moreover, he served for six terms as president of the Galveston College Faculty Senate, and he drafted the original constitution of the Galveston College Faculty Council; also engaged in the wider community, he has served as chair of the Galveston County Democratic Party, and he is a longtime volunteer with Dickens on The Strand and The Grand 1894 Opera House; and

WHEREAS, Professor Waddell's dedication, expertise, and commitment to excellence have benefited thousands of students at Galveston College over the past five decades, and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as he embarks upon the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby congratulate M. Theron Waddell on his retirement from Galveston College and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Professor Waddell as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

Taylor

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on May 13, 2019.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate