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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Phil Hatlen on the occasion of his retirement as superintendent of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired on July 31, 2007, after 17 years of loyal service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Phil Hatlen joined the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired in 1990 with an extensive background as an educator, administrator, and consultant; and

WHEREAS, He has advanced a progressive agenda for educating young people who are blind and visually impaired that includes teaching essential social and daily living skills so the students might succeed not only in school but in society as well; and

WHEREAS, Early in his career, he discovered that blind and visually impaired children were being taught complex academic subjects, but some were unable to complete the tasks of daily living, such as tying their shoes; he developed an agenda at the school that integrated individualized instruction, parental involvement, and societal inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hatlen encouraged educators and leaders at schools for the blind and visually impaired to redefine their institutions as multiservice agencies that provide for the best interests of their students, and he emphasized that those interests are best served by qualified teachers and an effective partnership between parents and educators; and

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1 WHEREAS, Because of Phil Hatlen's leadership, the Texas
2 School for the Blind and Visually Impaired has become one of the
3 most prominent schools for the blind and visually impaired in the
4 country, and its reputation has drawn visitors from around the
5 world; and

6 WHEREAS, He has been an exceptional leader who has had a
7 positive influence on the lives of countless students and teachers,
8 and his presence at the Texas School for the Blind and Visually
9 Impaired will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
11 hereby commend Dr. Phil Hatlen for his dedicated service and his
12 many contributions to the Texas School for the Blind and Visually
13 Impaired; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for him
15 as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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David Dewhurst
President of the Senate

Tom Caddick
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 84 was adopted by the Senate on May 22, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 84 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2007.

Robert Honey
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

15 JUN 07
Date

RICK PERRY
Governor

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