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INTRODUCTION OF Jeff Austin, Jr.
1977 Fall Convocation

We are honored to have with us for today's convocation to bring to our degree candidates special greetings on behalf of the Texas Eastern University Board of Regents, the Secretary of the Board of Regents, the Honorable Jeff Austin, Jr.

Regent Austin was appointed by the Governor of Texas as a member of the initial governing board of Texas Eastern in October 1971 and has served the institution capably, effectively and unselfishly since that time.

A native East Texan, Regent Austin was born in Frankston, Texas where he completed his public school education with a distinguished record of achievement. He went on to the University of Texas at Austin where he earned the Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. His graduate education includes graduation from the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking.

Following the completion of his bachelor's degree, Regent Austin returned to East Texas to begin his professional career in the field of banking. He quickly earned a notable reputation as a banker and currently serves as president of the First National Bank of Jacksonville, as vice president and director of the First State Bank of Italy, Texas and of the First State Bank of Rusk, and as director of the First State Bank of Frankston, the First State Bank of Big Sandy and the State National Bank of Corsicana.

He is an active member of his church, the First United Methodist Church of Jacksonville, and is involved in a long list of civic endeavors in Jacksonville. As examples of this service, he has served as president of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce and as president of the Jacksonville Rotary Club. Presently he is a director of the Nan Travis Memorial Hospital and the R. C. Buckner Park Foundation, chairman of the Cherokee County Chapter of the March of Dimes and trustee of the Travis Clinic Foundation. It would indeed be impractical to mention all of the civic responsibilities in which he is and has been involved, but these give you some indication of his attention to civic responsibilities.

The facts that I have given you thus far are facts which are indeed a part of Regent Austin's enviable record of personal and professional achievement and, of course, which are very important. But I want to also mention that Regent Austin is a man who has given and continues to give, in an immeasurable way, of his talents, his time and his energy to Texas Eastern University. His contributions to the institution are many and we should all be grateful to him for these contributions and, likewise, equally grateful that he continues to serve on the Board of Regents and can continue to give positive and thoughtful leadership to the university. He is, indeed, a man who possesses vision and imagination and who is dedicated to the proposition of providing quality education through the program of Texas Eastern University. Please join me now in welcoming the Honorable Jeff Austin, Jr., secretary of the Texas Eastern University Board of Regents.

A total of 125 students, representing six schools are eligible to participate in the 1977 Fall Convocation today. Included are 21 students who are completing requirements for a master's degree and 104 students who are completing undergraduate work.

Schools represented include:

	Undergraduate	Graduate	Total
Applied Studies	30	0	30
Business Administration	22	0	22
Education and Psychology	34	13	47
Fine and Performing Arts	3	0	3
Humanities and Social Sciences	11	0	11
Sciences and Mathematics	4	0	4
Interdisciplinary Studies	0	8	8
Totals	<u>104</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>125</u>