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Letter of Thanks to Jeff Austin Jr.

University of Texas at Tyler

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The Honorable Jeff Austin, Jr.
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Dear Jeff:

As we approach the date upon which Texas Eastern University becomes The University of Texas at Tyler, I take this means of thanking you very sincerely for the privilege that has been mine over the past seven years to serve as president of Texas Eastern University. Indeed, it has been a unique professional experience to serve as the president of a newly created university, and I am grateful that you and your colleagues on our Board of Regents extended me this opportunity.

Moreover, I congratulate and commend you upon your conscientious leadership for Texas Eastern as you have worked for the institution so faithfully and in such a dedicated manner over the years. You and your board associates have much of which to be proud because you have provided leadership both individually and collectively that immeasurably has benefited and will continue to benefit the State of Texas and individual human beings within our state and beyond. I know you have, as you rightfully should, a positive feeling about your leadership contributions in the governance of the institution. Indeed, your achievements and service to the citizenry of Texas as a part of the Texas Eastern University Board of Regents are remarkable and highly significant. Your work is indelibly inscribed in the history of Tyler State College/Texas Eastern University/The University of Texas at Tyler, and I emphasize my appreciation both personally and professionally for your unselfish involvement during a period of some eight years of regental service. Of course, as your involvement with the institution continues in various ways, your contributions will remain substantial and important to the university.

Again, thank you for the privilege of serving the institution as president over the past seven years and continuing kindest regards and best wishes.

Cordially yours,

James H. Stewart, Jr.
President

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Dear Jeff:

Enclosed herewith for your review is a copy of the minutes for the final Texas Eastern University Board of Regents meeting conducted on August 30, 1979. Also enclosed in the file folder is the signature page (original) of the minutes.

If you approve the minutes as prepared, I will appreciate your signing and returning the original signature page in the envelope provided for this purpose. It would be helpful if the signature page is reinserted in the file folder before mailing in order to protect this page which, of course, will become a part of the permanent record of the institution. As usual, the minutes have been carefully prepared to conform with regental action; and hopefully, you will find the minutes acceptable. Should you have questions, certainly I will be pleased to discuss them with you and make appropriate corrections if necessary.

Continuing kindest regards and best wishes.

Cordially yours,

James H. Stewart, Jr.
President

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Enclosures
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Dear Jeff:

Congratulations upon being named "Citizen of the Year" during the annual meeting of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce. This outstanding honor is one which you rightfully deserve, and Colleen and I are very happy for you and Sissy because of this appropriate designation in recognition of your leadership and service.

Your contributions to Jacksonville and East Texas are noteworthy. Of course, I am especially pleased to have had the privilege of working with you so closely during your regental tenure and to continue our work together as you serve on The University of Texas at Tyler Educational Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors. Beyond this, I deeply appreciate your personal friendship!

Again, congratulations and continuing kindest regards and best wishes.

Cordially yours,

James H. Stewart, Jr.
President

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