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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 14, 1981

Mr. John R. Sawyer Vice President for Fiscal Affairs The University of Texas at Tyler 3900 University Boulevard Tyler, Texas 75701

Dear Vice President Sawyer:

Your letter of April 13, 1981 through which you communicated plans to retire from the Office of Vice President for Fiscal Affairs of The University of Texas at Tyler effective August 31, 1981 is received with regret. Nevertheless, in conformity with your desire, I hereby acknowledge your decision and accept your retirement from The University of Texas at Tyler accordingly.

Surely, I express sincere gratitude for the capable, professional service which you have rendered to U.T. Tyler over a long period of time. Furthermore, I appreciate the positive professional and personal relationship that we have enjoyed during our work together over the years. Your competence and dedication to excellence are immeasurably significant to the accomplishments that have been achieved at this institution. Indeed, words are inadequate to express the full value of your contributions in the operation of U.T. Tyler from its beginning.

Since I am aware of your total professional career, I also take this opportunity to congratulate you upon, and express appreciation for, your valuable service to Texas higher education throughout your thirty-one-year tenure. I know that you take great satisfaction--and rightfully so--in your achievements, and it is my privilege to assume the role of thanking you on behalf of the State of Texas.

As I acknowledge your retirement, I emphasize my personal gratitude for your loyalty and plain hard work during our association. A high point in my life has been the privilege and pleasure of working with you. I now look forward to maintaining a lifelong friendship.

Vice President John R. Sawyer Page 2 April 14, 1981

With warmest regards and best wishes to you, Dorothy and your family as you look toward many happy years of retirement, I am

Cordially yours,

James H. Stewart, Jr.

President

JHS: hm