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# Letter of Appreciation to David K. McKie

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August 29, 1979

The Honorable David K. McKie  
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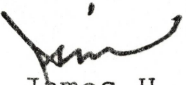
Dear Dave:

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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