

# Texas Association of Teacher Educators (TxATE) Award Nomination Form

**Deadline: September 15, 2015**

**Please send completed nomination to: Christie Bledsoe (cbledsoe@umhb.edu)**

Please check ONE: \_\_\_\_\_ The Ben E. Coody Distinguished Service Award  
                            X                            The Ted Booker Memorial Award  
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## Nominee Information

Name: Carolyn Owens

Title: Professor Emeritus

University or School Affiliation: University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Area of Work: Teacher Preparation

### Brief Summary of Contributions:

Carolyn Owens served at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor as the chair of the Department of Education. She has placed student teachers and taught courses in teacher education. The Teacher Education Program at UMHB partners with multiple school districts due to her influence. She demonstrates a passion for students – all students. She has also been active in TXATE and CSOTTE.

### Formal Statement of Support (500 word max):

In September of 2014, Mrs. Carolyn Owens retired after thirty years of service as a faculty member at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. Because of her extraordinary dedication to the organizations supporting teacher education in the state of Texas, to the students at UMHB, and to improving educator preparation programs statewide, I believe she is highly qualified to be the recipient of the Ted Booker Memorial Award.

Mrs. Owens joined the faculty at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in 1975. During her tenure at UMHB, Mrs. Owens served as Instructor, Assistant Professor of Education, Associate Professor of Education, Department Chairperson for Education, and the Director of Field Experiences. She was instrumental in obtaining nearly a million dollars in grants for the UMHB Educator Preparation Program. She was instrumental in establishing partnerships with 13 school district and UMHB. On multiple occasions, she was recognized by her peers as a leader in the university. She was the recipient of the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation Award in 2003, the Ben E. Coody Distinguished Service Award in 2003, the Outstanding Special Educator from the McLennan County Learning Disabilities Association in 1997, Outstanding Faculty Member from the UMHB chapter of Gamma Beta Phi in 1995, and the Teaching Excellence Award from UMHB in 1995. In 1991, she was a nominee for the Golden Apple Award given by the Temple Daily Telegram.

At the state level, she has been active in TXATE. She has participated in the CSOTTE conference for many years and has encouraged many faculty members to be involved as well.

Mrs. Owens gave of her time to multiple charities, civic organizations, and professional groups. She was Executive Secretary for the Texas Centers for Educational Partnerships from 1999 to 2002. She was President of the Consortium of State Organizations for Teacher Education in 1993 and 1994. She was President of Texas Directors of Field Experiences from 1989 through 1993. As a faculty member, she volunteered as a member of the First Faculty (advising freshmen and leading a freshman seminar). She remains a dedicated member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a service organization for professional educators, and Rotary. Few faculty members can boast that they have dedicated their entire adult life to the advancement of teacher education in Texas. Mrs. Owens can. She is an ideal candidate for the Ted Booker Memorial Award.

#### Nominator Information

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