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Howard College Board Announces Trustee Appointment

BIG SPRING – During their regularly scheduled meeting on February 23, 2009, the Howard College Board of Trustees announced the appointment of Mr. Maxwell Barr as the Precinct 4 replacement for the board seat vacated with the passing of Mr. Don McKinney.

“Although we lost many years of dedication and wisdom with the passing of Don McKinney, I am certain that Mr. Barr will be an excellent replacement in the vacant position,” said Dr. John Freeman, Howard College Board of Trustees Chairman. “He has a tremendous amount of knowledge in the agricultural and farming industry and that will be a benefit to this board.”

A special committee of the board consisting of Chairman John Freeman, Marie Ethridge and Dr. Charles Warren reviewed residents of Precinct 4 and made the ultimate recommendation to appoint Mr. Barr.

Barr, who was born and raised in Howard County, graduated from Coahoma High School and Texas Tech University earning a degree in Ag Economics in 1975.

With over 30 years of experience in farming and ranching, he has shared his knowledge of the industry by serving on the boards for the Big Spring Co-Op Gin, Howard County Farm Bureau and was on the Howard County Farm Service Agency County Committee. As an active member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring, Barr also serves as a deacon.

Barr was also recognized as the Howard County Ag Producer of the Year in 2002.

Barr’s wife, Kaye, is familiar with the educational system as well. After receiving her degree at Texas Tech University she has served the Coahoma community residents as a teacher in the Coahoma ISD system for 18 years. They have three grown children, all graduates of Texas Tech University with the exception of one Texas A&M Aggie.

“Agriculture is an important industry to our service area and Mr. Barr brings an exceptional set of skills and knowledge to the table,” said Freeman.

“Through his exposure and experience in the business of farming and ranching, he will bring some new insight to the board which will only be a benefit for our students and the communities we serve.”

Barr follows in his father’s footsteps as Buddy Barr served on the Howard College Board of Trustees as an at-large representative from 1975-1994.

Mr. Barr will take the oath of office during the regularly scheduled board meeting on March 23, 2009 at 12:30 pm in the Tumbleweed Room of the Dora Roberts Student Union Building on the campus of Howard College. Following the ceremony, Barr will assume his active role on the board.

For more information about Howard College, please visit their website at www.howardcollege.edu.