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STATE REPRESENTATIVE RUTH JONES MCCLENDON
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**UTSA LEGISLATIVE SCHOLARS SERVE
IN 80TH SESSION OF TEXAS LEGISLATURE**

(San Antonio) -- State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon announces the selection of five (5) students from the Institute for Law and Public Affairs of the University of Texas at San Antonio to participate in the 2007 UTSA Legislative Scholars Program, popularly known as the McClendon Legislative Scholars Program. The McClendon Scholars will spend the 2007 Legislative Session working as legislative assistants in the State Capitol offices of members of the Texas House of Representatives. These highly qualified students bring diverse backgrounds, expertise, and interests to the program, and major in four different Colleges and the Graduate School at the UTSA. Each Scholar has participated in an extensive training session at the State Capitol geared specifically toward their duties as legislative assistants, and will gain internship credit for their experiences. All wish to pursue aspects of public policy and service.

Students will receive a stipend for the 2007 Session totaling \$10,000.00. The students began their work on January 8, 2007 and will complete the internship program at the end of May, 2007.

Representative McClendon began the program in August, 2004, with the support and collaboration of Dr. Richard Gambitta at UTSA. Dr. Richard Romo is president of the University, and the program is made possible by generous contributions from AT&T and Coca Cola.

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For photo above: **Pictured standing left to right:** UTSA Legislative Scholars Advisory Council Member Floyd Wilson, Scholar Margaret Richardson, Scholar Crystal Longoria, Scholar Patric Hernandez, Scholar Melissa Rosser, Scholar Joel Tabar, Sam Gonzales (UTSA), Advisory

Council Member Ed Conroy, Dr. Richard Gambitta (UTSA). **Sitting left to right:** Advisory Council Member Carri Baker Wells, State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon, Advisory Council Member Joci Straus, Advisory Council Member Aaronetta Pierce. *PHOTO BY CHUCK LACY*



Pictured standing left to right: Dr. Richard Gambitta (UTSA), Scholar Margaret Richardson, Scholar Crystal Longoria, Scholar Patric Hernandez, Scholar Melissa Rosser, Scholar Joel Tabar, State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon. **Sitting left to right:** Senior Vice President AT&T John Montford, Chief Privacy Officer A&T Priscilla Hill-Ardoin, Frederick Kirksey and Carlos Ramos, VP South Market Unit, Coca Cola Bottling Co. *PHOTO BY CHUCK LACY*

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