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## McLANE RECEIVES THANKS FROM THE U.S. ARMY

TEMPLE, TEXAS.

Drayton McLane Jr., Owner of McLane Advanced Technologies, LLC (MAT) in Temple and the Houston Astros Baseball Team in Houston, received an Army Seal Commemorative Plaque on Wednesday, May 10, 2006. While visiting the Pentagon this week with MAT's President, Bob Reeves, Drayton received the rarely given memento. General Richard A. Cody, Vice Chief of Staff presented the plaque on behalf of The Honorable Francis J. Harvey, Secretary of the Army. General Cody wanted to thank Drayton for his leadership and support of the United States soldiers.

McLane Advanced Technologies, LLC (MAT) is a government contractor providing logistics information technology services to the Army and recently completed a software enhancement project for the Army's maintenance and logistics software. MAT is now fielding SAMS-E to the Army worldwide. In July 2005, MAT teamed with the Houston Astros when the players and management became the first baseball team in history to visit wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C. and the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda. The idea was born out of a trip to Fort Hood, Texas where the players visited injured soldiers who had just returned from Iraq.

Following the visit to Walter Reed, Drayton commented "These American heroes have taught me an invaluable lesson about heroism and the determination to see a mission through to the end. I don't believe there is any better way to honor their sacrifices than to stop and be thankful each day for the freedoms we enjoy because of their hard work and dedication." That spirit and support for our soldiers resonates throughout the McLane Group companies.

To learn more information about the Houston Astros visit [www.houston.astros.mlb.com](http://www.houston.astros.mlb.com) and to learn more about Mr. Drayton McLane, Jr. visit [www.mclanegrp.com](http://www.mclanegrp.com).

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