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Professor John Sibley Butler holds the J. Marion West Chair in Constructive Capitalism, Herb Kelleher Chair in Entrepreneurship and Small Business, Director of the Herb Kelleher Center for Entrepreneurship, and Former Director of the Institute for Innovation, Creativity, and Capital (IC2) at the University of Texas at Austin. His research is in the areas of organizational behavior and new venture development. For the last eight summers Professor Butler has occupied the Distinguished Visiting Professor position at Aoyama Gakuin University in Tokyo Japan, and this year holds the same status at Peking University in China.

Professor Butler has served as a consultant for many firms and the U.S. Military. At this time he is Management Consultant for State Farm Insurance Companies, with corporate headquarters in Bloomington, Illinois. He is also one of the distinguished professors who compose the Advisory Team of Governor George Bush's 2000 Presidential Campaign. His books and monographs include *Framework for Research on Leadership, Cohesion, and Values*; *Entrepreneurship and Self-Help Among Black Americans: A Reconsideration of Race and Economics*; *All That We Can Be: Black Leadership and Racial Integration the Army Way* (with Charles C. Moskos – winner of the Washington Monthly Best Book Award); and *Immigrant and Minority Entrepreneurship: The Continuous Rebirth of American Communities* (with George Kozmetsky, forthcoming).

Professor Butler received his undergraduate education from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and the Ph.D. from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. He is a decorated Vietnam Veteran.

