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H.C.R. No. 14

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Jonathan J. Sanford was inaugurated as the 10th  
2 president of the University of Dallas on October 1, 2021; and

3 WHEREAS, Since joining the University of Dallas in 2015,  
4 Dr. Sanford has built a proven record of leadership and gained a  
5 wealth of experience from his service as dean of the institution's  
6 Constantin College of Liberal Arts and as provost; he has overseen  
7 all of the university's academic deans, as well as special outreach  
8 projects such as the Studies in Catholic Faith and Culture program;  
9 further, he played an instrumental role in the development of the  
10 school's new strategic plan; and

11 WHEREAS, A highly respected figure in his field, Dr. Sanford  
12 holds leadership positions in a number of professional and academic  
13 organizations, including the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars and  
14 the American Catholic Philosophical Association, and he is a Fellow  
15 of the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture; he has published  
16 numerous articles and book chapters on such topics as virtue theory  
17 and metaphysics, and he is the author of the book *Before Virtue:  
18 Assessing Contemporary Virtue Ethics*; moreover, for the past three  
19 years, he has hosted the "Good News at UD" portion of the *Good News  
20 Show* on Guadalupe Radio; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Sanford graduated summa cum laude with a degree  
22 in classical languages and philosophy from Xavier University and  
23 received his doctorate in philosophy from the State University of  
24 New York at Buffalo; he went on to complete a postdoctoral

1 fellowship at Fordham University; prior to joining the University  
2 of Dallas, he served as associate vice president for academic  
3 affairs and chair of philosophy at Franciscan University of  
4 Steubenville, where he was also the principal elected faculty  
5 representative; and

6 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Sanford enjoys the love  
7 and support of his wife, Rebecca, and he takes great pride in their  
8 nine children and two granddaughters; he is a valued congregant of  
9 St. Rita Catholic Church; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Sanford's dedication, professionalism, and  
11 expertise have greatly benefited countless people over the course  
12 of his distinguished career, and he may indeed reflect with pride on  
13 his many achievements as he takes on the challenges and  
14 opportunities of his new role; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
16 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Jonathan J. Sanford on  
17 his inauguration as president of the University of Dallas and  
18 extend to him sincere best wishes for a successful tenure; and, be  
19 it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for Dr. Sanford as an expression of high regard by the  
22 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.