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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Thomas Reagan Mitchell upon the occasion of his retirement from Texas A&M International University as a regents professor and provost and vice president for Academic Affairs; and

WHEREAS, An acclaimed professor of American Literature, Dr. Mitchell began his academic career at Laredo Junior College in 1973; he joined the Department of Humanities at Texas A&M International University as an associate professor of English in 1998, specializing in mid-nineteenth century American literature; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell served in many leadership positions at Texas A&M International University, including as the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the chair of the Department of Language, Literature, and Fine Arts, and as a two-term president of the Faculty Senate; in 2016, he became the interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs and soon after took over the position permanently; and

WHEREAS, An astute and exemplary leader, Dr. Mitchell has served the university with a vision for excellence during his seven-year tenure as provost; he helped guide the faculty and students through the COVID-19 pandemic, and his focus on cultural diversity has created an academic environment centered on

awareness, respect, and receptivity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell has had a rewarding career as a distinguished professor and an esteemed administrator, and his contributions to education have greatly benefited the Laredo community and beyond; a public servant, he is admired and respected by his colleagues, students, and peers, and his presence at Texas A&M International University will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend Dr. Thomas Mitchell on his many years of service to Texas A&M International University and to the Lone Star State, and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.