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H.R. No. 37

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Coppola is retiring as president of Tarrant
2 County College Southeast Campus on January 31, 2024, after four
3 decades in higher education and 12 years with TCC; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Coppola began his career in 1984, when he
5 accepted a position at the Dallas County Community College
6 District; over the course of 15 years, he played an instrumental
7 role in developing and implementing the college's video technology
8 program; he also served on the faculty at North Lake College for 12
9 years, and he went on to hold a number of administrative positions,
10 culminating in his service as dean of technical education; he later
11 joined the Maricopa Community College District at Phoenix College,
12 where he served as senior associate dean of instruction and
13 director of the City Colleges Center; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2002, Dr. Coppola became dean of instruction,
15 computer information, and applied technology at the North Harris
16 Campus in the Lone Star College System; he subsequently transferred
17 to the Kingwood Campus, and he served as executive director of
18 academic partnerships and initiatives before becoming vice
19 president of instruction and chief academic officer; he took on his
20 current role as the second president of Tarrant County College
21 Southeast Campus in 2012, and under his able leadership, the campus
22 won the prestigious Eduardo J. Padron Award for Institutional
23 Transformation in 2021; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Coppola has been active in numerous civic and

1 professional organizations, including the Greater Arlington
2 Chamber of Commerce Board, the City of Arlington Transportation
3 Advisory Committee, the Fort Worth Mayor's Council on Education and
4 Workforce Development, the American Association of Community
5 Colleges Commission on Structured Pathways, the National Alliance
6 of Community & Technical Colleges, and the Higher Education
7 Research and Development Institute; he is also founding chair of
8 the Arlington Mayor's Education Coalition, and he has served as
9 vice chair of Campus Compact; and

10 WHEREAS, Among his many accolades, Dr. Coppola has received
11 multiple awards in recognition of his contributions to the field of
12 education; he holds a bachelor's degree from Michigan State
13 University as well as a master's degree and a doctorate from the
14 University of North Texas; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Coppola has led the TCC Southeast Campus
16 with tremendous vision, energy, and dedication, and he may indeed
17 reflect with pride on a career well spent as he embarks on the next
18 exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
20 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Bill
21 Coppola on his retirement as president of Tarrant County College
22 Southeast Campus and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
23 future; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Dr. Coppola as an expression of high regard by the
26 Texas House of Representatives.