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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Kelly R. Damphousse was appointed as the 10th
2 president of Texas State University on April 21, 2022; and

3 WHEREAS, A native of northern Canada, Kelly Damphousse moved
4 during high school to southern Alberta, where he aspired as a young
5 man to become an officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; after
6 receiving an associate's degree in law enforcement from Lethbridge
7 Community College, he worked as a prison guard for three years
8 before earning a bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Sam
9 Houston State University and a master's degree and Ph.D. in
10 sociology from Texas A&M University; and

11 WHEREAS, A well-regarded scholar in the study of terrorism,
12 substance abuse, and the criminal justice system, Dr. Damphousse
13 began his career at the University of Alabama at Birmingham before
14 returning to SHSU to teach; he then joined the faculty of the
15 University of Oklahoma, where he was a Presidential Professor of
16 Sociology as well as associate dean and dean of the College of Arts
17 and Sciences at Oklahoma; he went on to serve as chancellor of
18 Arkansas State University in Jonesboro for five years before
19 becoming president of TXST in April 2022; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Damphousse is also a national leader in
21 collegiate athletics; he was the faculty athletics representative
22 at the University of Oklahoma for five years, and he is currently a
23 member of the NCAA Board of Directors and the NCAA Board of
24 Governors and the board president of the Sun Belt Conference; in all

1 his endeavors, he benefits from the love and support of his wife,
2 Beth, as well as that of his daughters, Kayleigh and Kristen; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished career, Kelly
4 Damphousse has worked tirelessly to prepare students for the
5 challenges and opportunities of a changing world, and he has
6 demonstrated the vision and leadership necessary to advance the
7 mission of Texas State University in the years to come; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Kelly R. Damphousse on his
11 appointment as president of Texas State University and extend to
12 him sincere best wishes for a successful tenure; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Dr. Damphousse as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.