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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Denise M. Trauth retired as president of Texas
State University on May 31, 2022, drawing to a close nearly two
decades of outstanding service to the university; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Dr. Trauth became the first woman to serve 4 5 as president of Texas State, and she skillfully guided the school through a period of unprecedented growth; she oversaw the 6 establishment of the Wittliff Collections, the Ingram School of 7 Engineering, and the Science, Technology, and Advanced Research 8 9 (STAR) Park; she also oversaw the school's greatest construction boom since its founding in 1899, including four new residence 10 11 halls, a new performing arts building, the Bruce and Gloria Ingram 12 Hall on the San Marcos campus, and the Avery Building, St. David's School of Nursing, and Willow Hall on the Round Rock campus; under 13 14 her leadership, Texas State became a member of the NCAA Division I FBS Western Athletic Conference and earned a designation as a Texas 15 16 Emerging Research University; and

WHEREAS, Denise Trauth earned her master's degree from 17 The Ohio State University and her Ph.D. from the University of 18 Iowa, and she previously served as provost and vice chancellor for 19 20 academic affairs at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte; 21 she has contributed to the Central Texas community as president of the Greater San Marcos Partnership and the Austin Area Research 22 23 Organization, among others, and her many awards include the Ohtli Award from the government of Mexico and the Women of Distinction 24

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1 Award from the Girl Scouts; and

2 WHEREAS, In all her endeavors, Dr. Trauth has enjoyed the 3 love and support of her husband, Dr. John Huffman, as well as that 4 of her two daughters, four grandchildren, and three 5 great-grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Denise Trauth's vision, expertise, and commitment 7 to excellence have greatly benefited Texas State University and 8 earned her the respect and admiration of its staff, students, and 9 alumni, and she may indeed reflect with pride on her record of 10 achievement; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas 12 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Denise M. Trauth on her 13 retirement from Texas State University and extend to her sincere 14 best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 16 prepared for Dr. Trauth as an expression of high regard by the Texas 17 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 651 was adopted by the House on March 30, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House