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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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.