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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Arlington Faculty Senate
2 is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its founding with a special
3 event on May 1, 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, The UTA Faculty Senate convened for the first time
5 on September 19, 1973, under the leadership of Dr. Charles
6 McDowell, and within its first year of operation, members had
7 developed an operational philosophy and established their bylaws,
8 meeting framework, and committee structure; and

9 WHEREAS, An elected body, the Faculty Senate reviews and
10 formulates policies on all matters pertaining to the professional
11 concerns, responsibilities, duties, standards, ethics, privileges,
12 and perquisites of the UTA faculty, and it represents the faculty to
13 the UTA administration, as well as to The University of Texas System
14 and its board of regents; the senate serves as a place where faculty
15 can resolve their differences through compromise and also acts as
16 an advisory council to the school's president; over the years, the
17 senate has successfully implemented a number of initiatives,
18 including the Status of Women Committee, which advocated for equal
19 pay for women, the Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher
20 Education (COACHE) project, and a new faculty Academy of
21 Distinguished Service Leaders; and

22 WHEREAS, Today, the Faculty Senate benefits from the
23 leadership of chair Jacqueline Fay and has expanded to include 73
24 senators from 8 colleges and schools with proportional

1 representation of both tenure-track and non-tenure-track faculty;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, For half a century, the UTA Faculty Senate has
4 demonstrated an exceptional commitment to ensuring the vitality of
5 the school's teaching and research mission, and it is indeed
6 fitting to recognize its invaluable contributions to the campus
7 community; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of The
10 University of Texas at Arlington Faculty Senate and extend to its
11 members sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
12 further

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