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H.R. No. 2193

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Frank B. Ashley III is retiring as senior  
2 professor and executive associate dean of the Texas A&M University  
3 Bush School of Government and Public Service in 2023, following a  
4 distinguished career spanning more than four decades in education  
5 and nearly 35 years with the TAMU System; and

6           WHEREAS, Since joining the Bush School in 2016, Dr. Ashley  
7 has overseen such areas as graduate education and research  
8 activities, strategic planning, and program development; he has  
9 also taught courses in his role as senior professor, worked to  
10 foster diversity and inclusion, and strengthened the school's  
11 external relations; and

12           WHEREAS, Dr. Ashley earned his bachelor's degree in health,  
13 physical education, and safety at Louisiana College, and after  
14 beginning his career as a science teacher and coach in Louisiana, he  
15 completed his master's and doctoral degrees at the University of  
16 Alabama; in 1986, he was hired by TAMU as an assistant professor in  
17 the Department of Health and Kinesiology and coordinator of the  
18 sport management program; and

19           WHEREAS, A gifted administrator, Dr. Ashley was named  
20 associate dean for undergraduate studies and teacher education in  
21 the College of Education in 1996; he went on to serve in a number of  
22 leadership positions, and during three years at TAMU-Commerce, he  
23 rose to become interim provost and vice president for academic  
24 affairs; active in the community, he served as a trustee of the

1 Commerce Independent School District and spoke to students and  
2 educators across the region; he returned to College Station in 2007  
3 as a vice chancellor for the A&M System; from 2013 to 2016, he was a  
4 senior vice president at the College Board in New York, working on  
5 initiatives to increase college participation for underprivileged  
6 students; and

7       WHEREAS, Over the years, Dr. Ashley has been published  
8 extensively; he has presented frequently in the U.S. and abroad and  
9 is much in demand as a speaker on education, conflict resolution,  
10 and diversity issues; inducted into the University of Alabama  
11 College of Education Hall of Fame, he is the recipient of myriad  
12 other accolades, including the Distinguished Service Award from the  
13 Faculty Senate of TAMU-Commerce; he was named vice chancellor  
14 emeritus by the TAMU System in 2013; and

15       WHEREAS, Deeply committed to the important mission of Texas  
16 A&M University, Frank Ashley has made significant contributions to  
17 the advancement of higher education, and he may indeed reflect with  
18 pride on a career well spent; now, therefore, be it

19       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Frank B. Ashley III on his  
21 retirement as senior professor and executive associate dean of the  
22 Texas A&M University Bush School of Government and Public Service  
23 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and,  
24 be it further

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