

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 162

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dave Erickson, who is retiring as director of the Angelo State University Small Business Development Center after 24 years of outstanding service with the organization; and

WHEREAS, Dave Erickson joined the Angelo State University Small Business Development Center as a business advisor in 1999 after having previously served in business management and development positions throughout the preceding decades; and

WHEREAS, Dave's expertise and strong management skills led him to be named the director of the Angelo State University Small Business Development Center in 2005; throughout his tenure, he has been dedicated to guiding the center in its operations, which include providing business advising, workshops, and training services to thousands of small business owners and novice entrepreneurs in the 10-county area of the Concho Valley; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished leader in business management, Dave has been an instrumental force in promoting economic development in San Angelo, and he has been an invaluable asset on the Angelo State University campus; the responsibilities of his role have ranged from hosting training seminars to delivering university lectures, and he has shared his extensive knowledge and experience in business management to benefit others and to improve his community; and

WHEREAS, Dependable and innovative in the face of challenge and uncertainty, Dave took preemptive action against the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in the business community by creating the San Angelo Area COVID-19 Task Force; this effort

allowed the center to provide critical information and guidance to small businesses through a virtual hub, which helped to ensure their survival in a challenging economic climate when many businesses closed; and

WHEREAS, Respected and admired by his colleagues for his excellent leadership, uncompromising work ethic, and strength of character, Dave has served as a trusted mentor and advisor to numerous individuals throughout his career, and he has played an integral role in helping countless Texans and Texas businesses to succeed and thrive; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commend Dave Erickson on his invaluable contributions to Texas citizens as director of the Angelo State University Small Business Development Center and extend to him congratulations on his retirement and best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 14, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate