## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Howard D. Graves has distinguished himself as a visionary leader and administrator throughout his illustrious career in the military and higher education, and his four years of service as chancellor of The Texas A&M University System have been characterized by the continuation of his legacy of success; and WHEREAS, Chancellor Graves took on the responsibilities of

WHEREAS, Chancellor Graves took on the responsibilities of his current role on August 1, 1999, after a year as a visiting professor at The University of Texas at Austin's Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs; as chancellor, he oversees the system's nine universities, eight state agencies, and health science center, managing more than 23,000 faculty and staff members and a budget of approximately \$2 billion; and

WHEREAS, A 1961 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Chancellor Graves has an impressive academic background that includes bachelor and master of arts degrees and a master of letters degree from Oxford University as well as extensive course work at the Army Professional Schools for Executive Development; in 1993 he received a doctor of human letters degree from the University of North Alabama, and in 2001 he was honored with the West Point Distinguished Graduate Award; and

WHEREAS, Chancellor Graves has held numerous important leadership positions, including assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, commandant of the United States Army War College, deputy director for strategy, plans and policy for the

- 1 United States Army, and military assistant to the secretary of
- defense; in addition, he has excelled in a variety of command and
- 3 staff positions with the army, including assistant professor and
- 4 associate professor for international relations and comparative
- 5 foreign governments at West Point; and
- 6 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman demonstrated remarkable
- 7 diplomacy during his various assignments as an officer in the army,
- 8 and this management skill has served him well in the arena of higher
- 9 education; in addition, he has used his arsenal of talents as
- 10 director of the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation and as a senior
- 11 associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in
- 12 Washington, D.C.; and
- WHEREAS, Chancellor Graves is the recipient of numerous
- 14 accolades, including the Silver Anvil Award from the Public
- 15 Relations Society of America (PRSA) and the Big Apple Award from the
- 16 New York chapter of the PRSA; he has been fortunate to work with an
- 17 array of highly regarded individuals during the course of his
- 18 career, including former Secretary of State James Baker and current
- 19 Secretary of State Colin Powell, and he has gained praise and
- 20 recognition for his outstanding efforts; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Integrating intelligence, innovation, and integrity
- 22 into his professional and personal pursuits, Chancellor Graves has
- 23 earned further respect from colleagues and friends alike for his
- 24 courageous and inspiring battle against cancer; throughout this
- ordeal he has demonstrated great faith and a positive attitude,
- 26 relying on the support of his beloved wife, Gracie, his children,
- 27 Gigi and Gregory, his five grandchildren, and his many friends; and

1 WHEREAS, The Texas A&M University System is fortunate to have a man of Howard Graves's stature and ability at its helm; some 2 97,000 students and more than four million individuals are reached 3 through the system's vast network of educational facilities and 4 5 state agencies, and Chancellor Graves has helped to ensure that each and every one of those people has a positive experience; now, 6 7 therefore, be it 8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas 9 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby honor Howard D. Graves for his service as chancellor of The Texas A&M University System and 10

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Chancellor Graves as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

commend him for his exemplary career; and, be it further

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 184 was adopted by the House on August 22, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House