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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

1 United States Army, and military assistant to the secretary of
2 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

13 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
25 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
2 a man of Howard Graves's stature and ability at its helm; some
3 97,000 students and more than four million individuals are reached
4 through the system's vast network of educational facilities and
5 state agencies, and Chancellor Graves has helped to ensure that
6 each and every one of those people has a positive experience; now,
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
10 his service as chancellor of The Texas A&M University System and
11 commend him for his exemplary career; and, be it further

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