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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Franklyn Jenifer will soon begin a new chapter
2 in his distinguished and multifaceted career as he steps down from
3 his position as president of The University of Texas at Dallas
4 (UTD); and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Jenifer has led UTD through a period of
6 unprecedented growth and has set high standards to which others may
7 aspire; since he became president in 1994, the institution has had a
8 129 percent increase in research grants, has established a center
9 devoted to research on sickle-cell disease, and has hired its first
10 Nobel laureate; and

11 WHEREAS, Under his direction, an arrangement was made between
12 Texas Instruments and the state that will bring \$300 million to the
13 university over the next five years; two new buildings have been
14 constructed, two facilities have undergone major renovation, and
15 construction of a new science and engineering building is scheduled
16 to begin in the near future; and

17 WHEREAS, Before moving to The University of Texas at Dallas,
18 this esteemed administrator was president of Howard University in
19 Washington, D.C., and associate provost of Rutgers University in
20 New Jersey; he holds bachelor's and master's degrees in
21 microbiology from Howard University and a doctorate in plant
22 virology from the University of Maryland; and

23 WHEREAS, Through his vision and guidance, Dr. Jenifer has
24 contributed immeasurably to the reputation of The University of

1 Texas at Dallas as a vital center of higher education, and it is
2 indeed appropriate to take this opportunity to recognize his
3 tremendous dedication and numerous achievements; now, therefore,
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Dr. Franklyn Jenifer
7 on the occasion of his retirement as president of The University of
8 Texas at Dallas and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
9 future; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Dr. Jenifer as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.