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H.R. No. 306

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Franklyn Jenifer, longtime president of The
2 University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), has announced his impending
3 retirement from this prestigious post, and he is most deserving of
4 special recognition for his exemplary 10-year tenure; and

5 WHEREAS, Nationally known and respected in the field of
6 higher education, Dr. Jenifer joined UTD as president in 1994, and
7 since that time the university's enrollment has increased by more
8 than 61 percent to nearly 14,000; the school has benefited from the
9 addition of several new facilities, including buildings for the
10 School of Management, the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and
11 Computer Science, and the Callier Center for Communication
12 Disorders; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Jenifer previously served as president of Howard
14 University, where he also earned bachelor's and master's degrees in
15 microbiology; he received his Ph.D. in plant virology from the
16 University of Maryland and enjoyed a successful teaching career
17 before moving into administration, including terms as vice
18 chancellor of the New Jersey Department of Higher Education and
19 chancellor of the Massachusetts Board of Regents of Higher
20 Education; and

21 WHEREAS, Few individuals have contributed more to the success
22 and growth of The University of Texas at Dallas than Dr. Jenifer;
23 his outstanding efforts and supreme dedication have helped the
24 university achieve newfound status as one of the country's leaders

1 in space science, audiology, nanotechnology, and sickle cell
2 disease research, among other disciplines and specialties, and it
3 is most rewarding to honor this esteemed gentleman at this time;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend Dr. Franklyn
7 Jenifer for his achievements as president of The University of
8 Texas at Dallas and extend best wishes to him for continued success
9 and happiness; 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.