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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, John H. Russell's selection as the 10th president of  
2 McMurry University in Abilene marks a stellar achievement in his  
3 illustrious career; and

4           WHEREAS, Dr. Russell took the helm at McMurry University on  
5 August 1, 2002; with his effective leadership, uncompromising  
6 integrity, and rare talent for education administration, he is  
7 enhancing the learning experience for the 1,200 students studying  
8 in 42 majors and eight preprofessional sequences at this  
9 distinguished four-year liberal arts university; and

10           WHEREAS, Before coming to McMurry, Dr. Russell was executive  
11 vice president for academic affairs at West Virginia University  
12 Institute of Technology; responsible for academic support  
13 operations, he led the development of a six-year strategic plan to  
14 balance budgets and increase enrollment of first-time college  
15 students; and

16           WHEREAS, A retired colonel of the United States Air Force  
17 (USAF), Dr. Russell amassed a wealth of experience during his 33  
18 years in the military; his last assignments included commandant and  
19 vice commandant of the Air Force Institute of Technology in Ohio and  
20 senior associate professor of aeronautics, deputy for plans and  
21 programs at the USAF Academy in Colorado; and

22           WHEREAS, Dr. Russell earned his bachelor of science degree in  
23 aerospace engineering from Auburn University, his master of science  
24 degree in aeronautics and astronautics from Stanford University,

1 and his doctorate in aerospace engineering sciences from the  
2 University of Colorado; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Russell has been a significant contributor to  
4 academic excellence throughout his career, and his tenure with  
5 McMurry University will undoubtedly continue in that exemplary  
6 pattern; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate retired USAF Colonel Dr. John H.  
9 Russell on being appointed president of McMurry University and  
10 extend to him best wishes for success in this and all of his  
11 endeavors; and, be it further

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