

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 659

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. Alvin I. Thomas, the third president of Prairie View A&M University, on the occasion of the dedication of the university's administration building in his name; and

WHEREAS, A native of New Orleans, Louisiana, Alvin Thomas earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Kansas State College and a doctoral degree from The Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, A veteran of World War II, Dr. Thomas joined the faculty at Prairie View A&M University in 1949 and ably served that institution as a professor and administrator for many years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas served as the third president of the school from 1968 to 1982, and he was appointed president-emeritus in 1983; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected leader in higher education and civic affairs, Dr. Thomas has served as a consultant to the Agency for International Development, and he was a member of President George H. W. Bush's delegation to observe the 1989 elections in Namibia, South Africa; in addition, he was a member of the White House Conference on Children and Youth and the Governor's Commission on Rural Development; and

WHEREAS, He has received numerous accolades for his accomplishments, including the Distinguished Alumni Award from Kansas State College and The Ohio State University, the title of Holt Fellow from Yale University, and the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, To honor Dr. Thomas's distinguished career and outstanding service as a teacher, administrator, and president of Prairie View A&M University, school officials and guests gathered on April 17, 2003, to dedicate the Alvin I. Thomas Building; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Dr. Alvin I. Thomas for his invaluable contributions to Prairie View A&M University and extend congratulations to him on his most recent honor; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 23, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate