

By: Hill

H.R. No. 820

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Stephen K. Mittelstet of Dallas has served as  
2 president of Richland College for 25 years, and his contributions  
3 to the educational vitality of North Texas are indeed worthy of  
4 special recognition; and

5           WHEREAS, Dr. Mittelstet assumed the presidency of Richland  
6 College of the Dallas County Community College District on August  
7 7, 1979; since then, the Richland campus has been named a Vanguard  
8 College by the League for Innovation in the Community College, a  
9 Greater Expectations College in the Liberal Arts by the American  
10 Association of Colleges and Universities, and one of eight pilot  
11 institutions for new accreditation standards by the Southern  
12 Association of Colleges and Schools; and

13           WHEREAS, After graduating as valedictorian from Borger High  
14 School, Dr. Mittelstet earned his bachelor's degree summa cum laude  
15 in English, French, history, and religion from McMurry College in  
16 Abilene and his doctorate in higher education administration and  
17 English from the Community College Leadership Program at The  
18 University of Texas at Austin; a firm believer in lifelong  
19 learning, he has also completed postdoctoral work and attended  
20 numerous informal seminars, conferences, and workshops; and

21           WHEREAS, A member of Richland's humanities faculty since  
22 1972, this esteemed professional has also taught adult basic  
23 education and GED preparation, college-level French,  
24 graduate-level change management theory, community college

1 curriculum and instruction, and higher education administration at  
2 schools across Texas; in addition, he is a consultant, frequent  
3 keynote speaker, and author on diverse topics, such as leadership  
4 development, strategic planning, organizational values, the role  
5 of arts in culture, and authentic behavior in teaching, learning,  
6 and leadership; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Mittelstet has served on numerous national,  
8 regional, and state boards and task forces, including the Texas  
9 Higher Education Coordinating Board, the board of the American  
10 Association of Community Colleges, and the board of the National  
11 Institute for Leadership Development; he has received many awards  
12 and honors for his hard work and dedication to teaching and  
13 learning, and he recently earned the National Leader of the Year  
14 Award from the National Council for Learning Resources; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to being an active proponent of  
16 integrated learning and multicultural community development, Dr.  
17 Mittelstet is a much-respected citizen of Dallas, where he has  
18 served on the boards of arts organizations, hospitals,  
19 transportation committees, and planning and economic development  
20 councils; and

21 WHEREAS, An exemplary educator and civic leader, Stephen  
22 Mittelstet is truly an inspiration to all those who have been  
23 touched by his commitment to community culture and effective  
24 teaching and learning practices, and his tenure with Richland  
25 College has been of enormous benefit to the cities of Dallas,  
26 Richardson, and Garland and to the students of the college; now,  
27 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Stephen K. Mittelstet on 25  
3 years of outstanding service as president of Richland College and  
4 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and  
5 achievement; and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for Dr. Mittelstet as an expression of high regard by the  
8 Texas House of Representatives.