

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 548**

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, A member of Richland's humanities faculty since 1972, this esteemed professional has also taught adult basic education and general equivalency diploma preparation, college-level French, graduate-level change management theory, community college curriculum and instruction, and higher education administration at schools across Texas; in addition, he is a consultant, frequent keynote speaker, and author on diverse topics, such as leadership development, strategic planning, organizational values, the role of arts in culture, and authentic behavior in teaching, learning, and leadership; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary educator and civic leader, Stephen Mittelstet is truly an inspiration to all those who have been touched by his commitment to community culture and effective

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teaching and learning practices, and his tenure with Richland College has been of enormous benefit to the cities of Dallas, Richardson, and Garland and to the students of the college; now, therefore, be it

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

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Dr. Mittelstet as an expression of high regard 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 7, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate