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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Jon N. Moline is retiring as president of Texas

Lutheran University on May 31, 2007, concluding a noteworthy

13-year tenure that has seen many important and impressive changes

4 at the institution; and

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5 WHEREAS, A Fort Worth native, Dr. Moline was named university

6 president on August 1, 1994, and under his leadership the former

7 Texas Lutheran College has experienced unprecedented growth,

8 including a 53 percent increase in enrollment and a 200 percent

increase in the school's endowment, while also successfully

transitioning from college to university status; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Moline has overseen the construction of several

major facilities and the renovation of many other campus buildings;

other initiatives include the installation of a campus-wide

computer network, the automation of the university's library, the

15 reinstatement of intercollegiate football, and the addition of two

16 women's intercollegiate sports; and

17 WHEREAS, A graduate of Austin College, Dr. Moline earned a

18 Ph.D. in philosophy from Duke University in 1964 and holds an

19 honorary doctor of humane letters degree, which he received from

Austin College in 1995; from 1987 to 1994, he was vice president and

21 dean of the college at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota;

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WHEREAS, Dr. Moline's academic career includes more than 20

years on the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where

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- 1 he rose to become a full professor of philosophy and chair of the
- department; he also served as an associate member of the department
- 3 of classics, professor of environmental studies, and chair of the
- 4 environmental studies program, and he was elected to the university
- 5 committee, the executive committee of the faculty senate; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Active in higher education's national scene, Dr.
- 7 Moline has served on the National Board of the Fund for the
- 8 Improvement of Postsecondary Education and the National Council on
- 9 the Humanities; he currently serves on the board of trustees of the
- 10 Southwest Research Institute and the board of directors of the
- 11 Council of Independent Colleges; and
- WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Moline has benefited from
- 13 the love and support of his wife, Sandra, and it is fitting that
- 14 this couple be honored with the dedication of the Jon and Sandra
- 15 Moline Center for Servant Leadership; the center, which was
- 16 established by Dr. Moline in 2005, helps connect the university's
- 17 students with an array of service learning opportunities in an
- 18 effort to promote personal and professional growth and an
- 19 understanding of the importance of providing leadership through
- 20 service to others; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Jon Moline has made a profound and undeniable
- 22 difference during his 13 years as president of Texas Lutheran
- 23 University, and the occasion of his retirement offers a fitting
- opportunity to recognize him; now, therefore, be it
- 25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
- 26 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Jon N. Moline on his retirement as
- 27 president of Texas Lutheran University and commend him for his

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- 1 myriad contributions to the success and growth of the university;
- 2 and, be it further
- 3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 4 prepared for Dr. Moline as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 5 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 961 was adopted by the House on April 2, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House