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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Jon N. Moline is retiring as president of Texas  
2 Lutheran University on May 31, 2007, concluding a noteworthy  
3 13-year tenure that has seen many important and impressive changes  
4 at the institution; and

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  
9 increase in the school's endowment, while also successfully  
10 transitioning from college to university status; and

11           WHEREAS, Dr. Moline has overseen the construction of several  
12 major facilities and the renovation of many other campus buildings;  
13 other initiatives include the installation of a campus-wide  
14 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  
20 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;  
22 and

23           WHEREAS, Dr. Moline's academic career includes more than 20  
24 years on the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where

1 he rose to become a full professor of philosophy and chair of the  
2 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

12 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  
24 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.