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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Baker Pattillo has been named the eighth  
2 president to lead Stephen F. Austin State University, and this  
3 notable achievement offers a fitting opportunity to reflect on the  
4 outstanding record of leadership and the wealth of experience he  
5 brings to his new post; and

6           WHEREAS, A native of Arp, Baker Pattillo began his own  
7 college studies by earning an associate's degree from Tyler Junior  
8 College; he then enrolled at Stephen F. Austin State University,  
9 beginning his long association with the Nacogdoches campus; after  
10 receiving a bachelor's degree in English and history and a master's  
11 degree in education from SFA, he subsequently earned a doctoral  
12 degree in educational administration from Texas A&M University in  
13 1971; and

14           WHEREAS, Dr. Pattillo joined the administration of Stephen F.  
15 Austin State University in 1966 as the assistant director of  
16 placement and student financial aid; he went on to benefit the SFA  
17 community in several different capacities, becoming dean of student  
18 services, vice president for student affairs, and vice president  
19 for university affairs; and

20           WHEREAS, In all of these assignments, Dr. Pattillo focused on  
21 serving the needs of the university's students, and his superior  
22 abilities as an administrator were acknowledged with his unanimous  
23 appointment by the SFA Board of Regents to the position of interim  
24 president in July 2006; since that time, his myriad accomplishments

1 include building an effective executive management team by drawing  
2 on the university's senior leaders, increasing faculty and staff  
3 salaries, and allocating funds to update SFA's computer resources;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Recognizing Dr. Pattillo's longstanding commitment  
6 to the improvement and success of Stephen F. Austin State  
7 University, the board of regents selected him as president in  
8 January 2007; this appointment will allow this accomplished  
9 educator to continue to bring improvements to the university and to  
10 guide the institution with the insight and sensitivity that he has  
11 developed throughout more than 40 years of service in the field of  
12 higher education; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Baker Pattillo on being named  
15 the eighth president of Stephen F. Austin State University and  
16 extend to him sincere best wishes for success in this vital  
17 position; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Dr. Pattillo as an expression of high regard by the  
20 Texas House of Representatives.