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H.R. No. 1598

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Phil Diebel, the vice president for finance and
2 business affairs at the University of North Texas, begins a new
3 chapter of his life with his retirement on August 31, 2007, after 26
4 years of outstanding service to the school; and

5 WHEREAS, Following his graduation from The University of
6 Texas at Austin in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in business
7 management, Mr. Diebel worked for the Texas Comptroller of Public
8 Accounts and the Texas Department of Human Services; and

9 WHEREAS, He became a certified public accountant in 1980 and
10 joined the University of North Texas as its controller the
11 following year; promoted to vice president in 1983, Mr. Diebel was
12 named vice chancellor for finance of the UNT System in 2001; as the
13 school's chief financial officer, this accomplished professional
14 has successfully overseen the university's finances during a period
15 of remarkable growth, with enrollment nearly doubling over the
16 course of his tenure; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Diebel has also served higher education
18 throughout the State of Texas with his leadership on the boards and
19 committees of several organizations, including the Texas Higher
20 Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan
21 Corporation; he has further distinguished himself as president of
22 the Texas Association of State Senior College and University
23 Business Officers, and he has actively participated in the Texas
24 International Education Consortium, the Southern Association of

1 Colleges and Schools, and the National Association of College and
2 University Business Officers; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Diebel's dedication extends to his community as
4 well, with his membership on the Denton Salvation Army Advisory
5 Board, the Denton Regional Medical Center Advisory Board, and the
6 United Way of Denton County Governing Board; he has likewise been an
7 active supporter of Denton's cultural life, serving on the
8 governing boards of North Texas Public Broadcasting and the Denton
9 Community Theater; and

10 WHEREAS, For more than a quarter-century, Phil Diebel has
11 contributed great skill and commitment to the University of North
12 Texas, and through his myriad endeavors, he has made an invaluable
13 contribution to higher education in the Lone Star State; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Phil Diebel on his retirement from
17 the University of North Texas and extend to him best wishes for a
18 very happy and rewarding retirement; and, be it further

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