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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. James O. Standley has served as a dean at Stephen
2 F. Austin State University for 28 years, making him the
3 longest-serving academic dean in the State of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, A 1965 graduate of SFA with a bachelor's degree in
5 sociology and psychology, Dr. Standley earned his master's degree
6 in criminology from Sam Houston State University in 1968 and his
7 doctorate in sociology in 1973 from Texas A&M University, which
8 recently recognized him as an outstanding graduate; moreover, Dr.
9 Standley is an alumnus of the Institute for Management and
10 Leadership in Education at Harvard; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1972, he became an assistant professor of
12 sociology at Texas State University, where he was recognized with a
13 University Teaching Excellence Award; four years later, he was
14 appointed chair of the school's Department of Criminal Justice; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Standley was hired by Stephen F. Austin State
16 University in 1979 to establish and direct the new College of
17 Applied Arts and Sciences; to that end, he successfully
18 consolidated several programs, including communications, criminal
19 justice, military science, and social work, under the heading of
20 the new college; and

21 WHEREAS, Briefly serving as interim dean of the College of
22 Fine Arts, he played an instrumental role in the renovation of the
23 music building and demonstrated his commitment to the student body
24 by attending every senior recital of the music department; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2005, after serving as an academic dean for more
2 than 25 years, Dr. Standley was preparing to return to teaching when
3 the university asked him to oversee the merging of the College of
4 Applied Arts and Sciences with the College of Liberal Arts, a
5 project he has recently completed; currently serving as the dean of
6 the College of Liberal and Applied Arts, he has overseen four
7 colleges at SFA over the years; and

8 WHEREAS, In addition to being an indispensable member of the
9 administration at SFA, Dr. Standley has also contributed to other
10 universities as a speaker and consultant, sharing his vast
11 experience in such topics as strategic planning, faculty
12 development, and program assessment; he is active as well in his
13 community, serving as a school board member, a division chair of the
14 United Way, and a district chair of the Boy Scouts of America; and

15 WHEREAS, In his long and productive career, this dynamic and
16 innovative administrator has contributed immeasurably to higher
17 education in the State of Texas, and SFA continues to benefit from
18 his deep commitment to the school; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
20 Legislature hereby commend Dr. James O. Standley for nearly three
21 decades of service as an academic dean at Stephen F. Austin State
22 University and extend to him best wishes for continued success;
23 and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Dr. Standley as an expression of high regard by the
26 Texas House of Representatives.