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H.R. No. 107

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins is retiring as president of
2 Lone Star College-Tomball on August 31, 2009, concluding an
3 outstanding career in higher education that has spanned more than
4 four decades; and

5 WHEREAS, This skilled administrator earned a doctorate at The
6 University of Texas at Austin in 1972; building on five years of
7 teaching experience, he entered the field of administration,
8 serving in academic leadership positions for 10 years before
9 becoming president of Tyler Junior College in 1981; he completed
10 the Community College Leadership Program at UT-Austin in 1988 and
11 three years later was appointed president of Lone Star
12 College-Tomball; and

13 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to higher education, Dr. Hawkins
14 has held leadership roles in a number of professional organizations
15 through the years; he has served on the Executive Committee of the
16 American Association of Community Colleges and on the board of the
17 Southern Association of Community, Junior, and Technical Colleges;
18 in addition, he was president of the Texas Association of Community
19 Colleges and of the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Hawkins has also given generously of his time
22 and talents in behalf of the wider community as chair of the United
23 Ways of Texas, chair of the Texas Commission for National and
24 Community Service, and chair of the East Texas Economic Development

1 Commission; moreover, he has held the office of president of the
2 Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce and of the Texas Foundation for
3 Volunteerism and Community Service and served on the board of the
4 Community College National Center for Community Engagement; and

5 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Hawkins enjoys the love
6 and support of his wife, Patricia Hawkins, and a beloved family that
7 includes five children and six grandchildren; and

8 WHEREAS, Lone Star College-Tomball has been greatly enriched
9 by the dedication and expertise that Dr. Hawkins has brought to the
10 office of president, and over the past 40 years, his commitment to
11 higher education and to his community has benefited countless
12 Texans; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
14 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Raymond
15 Hawkins on his retirement as president of Lone Star College-Tomball
16 and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
17 further

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