

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, An outstanding Texas educator, Dr. Lanier Byrd,
2 reached an important milestone in his life with his retirement from
3 St. Philip's College in San Antonio on May 11, 2007, after 35 years
4 of service to that historic institution; and

5 WHEREAS, A 1966 graduate of St. Philip's, Dr. Byrd received a
6 bachelor's degree and a master's degree in biology/chemistry from
7 Prairie View A&M University in 1969 and 1973, respectively, and
8 earned a Ph.D. in science education from The University of Texas at
9 Austin in 1995; and

10 WHEREAS, After beginning his career at Sidney Lanier High
11 School in San Antonio, where he taught biology and physics and
12 coached the girls' volleyball team from 1969 to 1972, Dr. Byrd
13 joined the faculty of St. Philip's College as a biology instructor;
14 granted tenure in 1978 and promoted to professor in 1984, he
15 provided strong guidance to the Department of Natural Sciences
16 during a highly successful stint as departmental chair; and

17 WHEREAS, From 1996 to 2007, Dr. Byrd served the college as
18 vice president of academic affairs; challenged to meet the demands
19 of a rapidly growing enrollment, he helped the college earn one of
20 the highest site review ratings ever accorded a community college
21 by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, with 28 of the
22 school's technical programs being rated as "exemplary" and three of
23 the arts and sciences programs identified as "outstanding"; and

24 WHEREAS, The capstone of Dr. Byrd's many contributions to the

1 college was his creation of the Lanier Byrd Endowed Scholarship,
2 which is designed to help lower-income students receive an
3 education at St. Philip's; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Lanier Byrd's energy, dedication, and
5 commitment to excellence greatly benefited the students, faculty,
6 and staff of St. Philip's College, and he may indeed reflect with
7 pride on a career well spent; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Lanier Byrd on his retirement
10 from St. Philip's College and extend to him sincere best wishes for
11 continued fulfillment; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Dr. Byrd as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 423

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 423 was adopted by the House on
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Chief Clerk of the House