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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. R. Vic Morgan is retiring as president of Sul
2 Ross State University on August 31, 2009, concluding an outstanding
3 career in education that has spanned four decades; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Bangs, Vic Morgan earned a bachelor's
5 degree in mathematics and psychology from Howard Payne University,
6 a master's degree in mathematics and philosophy from Vanderbilt
7 University, and a doctoral degree in mathematics and philosophy
8 from the University of Missouri; he served on the faculty of
9 Southern Methodist University from 1969 to 1975, when he joined Sul
10 Ross State University as an associate professor of mathematics; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Morgan demonstrated leadership ability as chair
12 of the department of mathematics, computer science, physics, and
13 astronomy, and he went on to serve as dean of the science division
14 for seven years; in 1986, he was appointed executive assistant to
15 the president, in which capacity he worked to create a more
16 student-centered campus; he subsequently served as acting
17 president for a year before being selected as the university's 10th
18 president on August 30, 1990; and

19 WHEREAS, Sul Ross has benefited immensely from the expertise
20 of Dr. Morgan, who has overseen numerous construction projects,
21 including the expansion of the Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library,
22 the renovation and relocation of the Museum of the Big Bend, and the
23 development of the Lobo Village Housing Complex; also during his
24 tenure, the university experienced significant financial growth,

1 bringing its endowment to nearly \$13 million; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Morgan has further distinguished himself
3 through his professional involvement in the Texas Section of the
4 Mathematical Association of America, the Texas Association of
5 College and University Student Personnel Administrators, the Texas
6 International Education Consortium, the Council of Public
7 University Presidents and Chancellors, and the Texas
8 Intercollegiate Athletic Association, which he served as
9 president; in addition, he has given generously of his time to the
10 Alpine Lions Club, the Alpine Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, and
11 Texas Rural Communities, Inc.; and

12 WHEREAS, Highly regarded for his skill both as an educator
13 and an administrator, Dr. Morgan can take great pride in the
14 contributions he has made to Sul Ross, to his profession, and to the
15 community at large, and it is indeed a pleasure to pay tribute to
16 this esteemed Texan; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. R. Vic Morgan on his retirement
19 as president of Sul Ross State University and extend to him sincere
20 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Dr. Morgan as an expression of high regard by the Texas
23 House of Representatives.