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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Francis M. Lazarus is retiring on December 31,  
2 2009, as president of the University of Dallas, concluding an  
3 outstanding tenure in higher education that has spanned nearly four  
4 decades; and

5           WHEREAS, A native of New York, Frank Lazarus earned a  
6 bachelor's degree in classical languages and philosophy from  
7 Canisius College and a master's degree and doctorate in classical  
8 languages from Cornell University; he began his career as an  
9 assistant professor at the United States Military Academy at West  
10 Point in 1970 and later served Salem College as chair of classics,  
11 director of the honors program, and associate academic dean; along  
12 the way, he was named an administrative fellow of the American  
13 Council on Education and served for a year as a special assistant to  
14 the president of Memphis State University; and

15           WHEREAS, Dr. Lazarus accepted further responsibility as dean  
16 of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Dayton for  
17 eight years and again as vice president for academic affairs at  
18 Marquette University from 1988 to 1996; he subsequently served as  
19 vice president for academic affairs and as provost at the  
20 University of San Diego before assuming the presidency of the  
21 University of Dallas in July 2004; and

22           WHEREAS, Under the skillful leadership of Dr. Lazarus, the  
23 University of Dallas has been recognized for four consecutive years  
24 as the leading Catholic university in the country in the enrollment

1 of National Merit Scholars on a per capita basis, and the UD  
2 Graduate School of Management was acknowledged for its practical  
3 application of management techniques by *Harvard Business Review*;  
4 other accomplishments on his watch include record enrollments, a  
5 balanced budget, and an increase in applications to the liberal  
6 arts doctoral program; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition to his extensive administrative  
8 experience, Dr. Lazarus has participated as a professional  
9 archaeologist in excavations in Nemea, Greece, and in Tel Beer  
10 Sheba, Israel; moreover, he is the editor of *Discovery, Faith,*  
11 *Service: Perspectives on Jesuit Education*, which was published by  
12 Marquette University Press in 1992; and

13 WHEREAS, The University of Dallas has been greatly enriched  
14 by the dedication and vision of Dr. Frank Lazarus, and it is indeed  
15 fitting to honor him for his many contributions as he prepares for  
16 the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Francis M. Lazarus on his  
19 retirement as president of the University of Dallas and extend to  
20 him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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