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H.R. No. 2235

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The students, faculty, and alumni of Austin College  
2 in Sherman are bidding farewell to a respected leader as Dr. Oscar  
3 C. Page retires as the president of that esteemed institution on  
4 June 30, 2009; and

5           WHEREAS, Dr. Page became the 14th president of Austin College  
6 in 1994, and during his tenure, he has done an exceptional job of  
7 continuing its tradition of excellence in preparing students for  
8 productive and rewarding lives; and

9           WHEREAS, A historian who earned his bachelor's degree from  
10 Western Kentucky University and his master's and doctoral degrees  
11 from the University of Kentucky, Dr. Page taught at Western  
12 Kentucky University and the University of Georgia before becoming  
13 the dean of Wesleyan College in Georgia in 1971; seven years later,  
14 he moved to Lander College in South Carolina, where he was appointed  
15 vice president for academic affairs and provost and served as  
16 acting president for a term; in 1988, he was named president of  
17 Austin Peay State University in Tennessee, remaining in that post  
18 until joining Austin College; and

19           WHEREAS, Highly respected by his peers, he has served on the  
20 boards of numerous educational organizations, including the  
21 Association of Texas Colleges and Universities, the Independent  
22 Colleges and Universities of Texas, and the National Association of  
23 Independent Colleges and Universities; moreover, he is a former  
24 president of the Southern Collegiate Athletic Commission and was a

1 member of the Presidents' Commission and the Division III  
2 Management Council for the National Collegiate Athletic  
3 Association; his achievements have been recognized with a number of  
4 honors, among them, the Chief Executive Officer Leadership Award  
5 from District IV of the Council for Advancement and Support of  
6 Education and the Meritorious Service Award from the Southern  
7 Association of Colleges and Schools; and

8       WHEREAS, Dr. Page has taken a very active role in each of the  
9 communities where he has lived, and during his time in Texas, he has  
10 been a member of the Sherman Rotary Club, the Sherman and Denison  
11 Chambers of Commerce, and United Way of Grayson County; in  
12 addition, he has served on the boards of directors for the United  
13 Way, Junior Achievement of Grayson County, and the March of Dimes;  
14 and

15       WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Dr. Page enjoys the love and  
16 support of his wife, Anna Laura Hood Page, who works as a  
17 professional musician and composer; the couple have two children,  
18 Kristen and Matthew; and

19       WHEREAS, For a decade and a half, Oscar Page has demonstrated  
20 great skill and leadership in furthering the mission of Austin  
21 College and helping thousands of students to attain their academic  
22 and professional goals, and he may take justifiable pride in a job  
23 well done as he looks ahead to the next exciting chapter of his  
24 life; now, therefore, be it

25       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
26 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Oscar C. Page on the occasion  
27 of his retirement from Austin College and commend him for his

1 outstanding service as president; and, be it further

2           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
3 prepared for Dr. Page as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
4 House of Representatives.