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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Royce Money, who has rendered outstanding
2 service as president of Abilene Christian University, is retiring
3 from that position on May 31, 2010, and transitioning into a new
4 role as ACU chancellor; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Temple, Royce Money became the first
6 member of his family to attend college, earning both his bachelor's
7 and master of divinity degrees from ACU and his doctorate in
8 religion from Baylor University; in addition, he received a
9 master's degree in human development and the family from the
10 University of Nebraska; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Money worked in the ministry for more than a
12 dozen years until ACU recruited him as an associate professor of
13 marriage and family therapy in 1981; a few years later, he
14 transferred to the Bible department to help develop and direct the
15 school's ministry program; in 1987, he became executive assistant
16 to the university's then president, Bill Teague, and served as vice
17 president and provost before becoming the institution's 10th
18 president in 1991; and

19 WHEREAS, Over the course of Dr. Money's tenure the school's
20 national reputation has grown significantly, and its numerous
21 accolades include high marks in the *U.S. News & World Report* 2009
22 edition of "America's Best Colleges," where it ranks No. 1 in the
23 16-state western region for innovative leadership; ACU's Mobile
24 Learning Initiative recently received the Institutional Excellence

1 Award from the Association for Information Communications
2 Technology Professionals in Higher Education; moreover, the
3 university won inclusion in the publication *America's 100 Best*
4 *College Buys* for 12 consecutive years and earned a spot on the 2008
5 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll; and

6 WHEREAS, Under Dr. Money's skillful leadership, the ACU
7 endowment has more than quadrupled to over \$236 million, and the
8 university has received more than \$300 million in operating,
9 capital, and endowment gifts; successful capital campaigns have
10 funded major renovations of campus facilities and the construction
11 of many new buildings, including a special events center, a
12 performing arts center, and a residence hall; and

13 WHEREAS, This dynamic educator directed the creation of the
14 School of Social Work and the School of Information Technology and
15 Computing, and he has overseen an increase in the number of academic
16 programs achieving specialized accreditation and the addition of
17 key graduate and professional programs, including speech-language
18 pathology and conflict resolution; he has also demonstrated a
19 commitment to developing a more diverse and global focus through
20 the expansion of study abroad programs and online degree programs,
21 as well as the establishment of the Office for Student
22 Multicultural Enrichment; the diversity of the student body has
23 increased as well, and ACU today draws students from 60 foreign
24 countries, as well as most of the 50 states; and

25 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Money enjoys the love and
26 support of his wife, Pam, and their daughters, Alison and Jennifer,
27 all of whom count themselves as proud ACU alums; and

1 WHEREAS, Royce Money's vision and expertise have contributed
2 immeasurably to the stature of Abilene Christian University, and
3 the school's students and faculty are indeed fortunate to continue
4 to benefit from his guidance and dedication; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby commend Dr. Royce Money for his outstanding
7 achievements as president of Abilene Christian University and
8 extend to him sincere best wishes for success in his new role as
9 chancellor; and, be it further

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