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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Dana Gibson is being installed as the 13th
2 president of Sam Houston State University at an investiture
3 ceremony on March 8, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Gibson became the first female president of the
5 institution when she assumed office on September 1, 2010, after a
6 unanimous vote of the Texas State University System Board of
7 Regents; and

8 WHEREAS, A native of the Lone Star State, Dana Gibson earned
9 her bachelor's degree and M.B.A. from Texas Woman's University and
10 her Ph.D. from The University of Texas at Arlington; she became a
11 certified public accountant in 1984 and began her distinguished
12 career in higher education two years later as a lecturer in
13 accounting and management information systems at Texas Woman's
14 University; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Gibson went on to serve TWU as an associate
16 professor, as associate vice president of finance and
17 administration, and as university controller before being named
18 vice president of academic and information services; she later
19 joined the staff of the University of Colorado Denver, where she
20 oversaw a budget of more than \$700 million as vice chancellor for
21 administration and finance; and

22 WHEREAS, Continuing her work in administration, Dr. Gibson
23 served as vice president for business and finance at Southern
24 Methodist University, and in 2007, she was appointed president of

1 National University in San Diego; while guiding the California
2 school, she facilitated program accreditation efforts and promoted
3 the analysis of online education efforts related to academic
4 quality and service to students; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2009, Dr. Gibson brought her wealth of experience
6 to Sam Houston State University; in her initial role as vice
7 president of finance and operations, she administered many of the
8 institution's business functions, including the controller's
9 office, budget, auxiliary operations, procurement, property,
10 public safety, parking, human resources, facilities management,
11 construction and planning, information resources, and
12 institutional research and assessment; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the course of her career, Dr. Gibson has earned
14 a number of honors for her exceptional work; in addition to being
15 named a TWU Distinguished Alumna and SMU Administrator of the Year,
16 she has received the International Award for the Innovative Use of
17 Imaging Technology in Higher Education and the Notable Contribution
18 to Information Systems Literature Award from the American
19 Accounting Association; and

20 WHEREAS, Dana Gibson is uniquely qualified to build on the
21 rich tradition of excellence at Sam Houston State University, and
22 her dedication and proven leadership ability are sure to benefit
23 students, staff, and faculty members alike; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
25 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Dana Gibson on her installation
26 as president of Sam Houston State University and extend to her
27 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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