

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The students, faculty, and alumni of Brazosport
2 College bade farewell to an esteemed educator and administrator in
3 December 2012, when Dr. John Ray retired from that institution
4 after more than 40 years of service; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Ray earned bachelor's and master's degrees in
6 biology from Stephen F. Austin State University, and in the fall of
7 1972, he began his notable tenure at Brazosport College as a biology
8 professor; he went on to serve as division chair of mathematics and
9 science from 1981 until 1987, when he received his doctoral degree
10 in educational administration from the University of Houston; after
11 briefly chairing the Long Range Planning Committee, he was tapped
12 to serve as vice president of the college in 1988; he further shared
13 his expertise with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board,
14 for which he was chair of the Developmental Education Task Force and
15 the Texas Academic Success Program Committee; and

16 WHEREAS, In his role as dean of industry and community
17 resources, a post he held from 1996 until his retirement, Dr. Ray
18 coordinated noncredit programs, research, and grant development,
19 and he had responsibility for the college's planning and
20 institutional effectiveness activities as well as its Small
21 Business Development Center and information technology;
22 additionally, he led the data team for the Achieving the Dream
23 initiative, a campus-wide effort to eliminate achievement
24 disparities by reaching out to first-year students; and

1 WHEREAS, Active in the Lake Jackson community, he has served
2 on the board of the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce for several
3 years; he is the current president of the Stilwell Retirement
4 Residence and previously served as a member of the Salvation Army
5 board and as president of Lake Jackson Emergency Medical Service;
6 he is also a faithful congregant at First United Methodist Church of
7 Lake Jackson, where he taught Sunday school for over 30 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Blessed with a fine family, Dr. Ray enjoys traveling
9 the world with his wife, Jane, his son, Jake, and his sister-in-law,
10 Jill Burkindine, and he counts bird-watching among his favorite
11 pursuits; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. John Ray's visionary leadership and dedication
13 have contributed to a host of positive developments at Brazosport
14 College, and he leaves behind a record of distinguished service
15 that continues to resonate around the campus and throughout the
16 community; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
18 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. John Ray
19 on his retirement as dean of industry and community resources at
20 Brazosport College and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
21 future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 65

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 65 was adopted by the House on July 25, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House