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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Ken Tasa is retiring as senior vice president of  
2 academic and student affairs of Brazosport College in August 2013,  
3 concluding a distinguished 40-year career with that institution;  
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5 WHEREAS, A graduate of Texas A&M University at Commerce, Dr.  
6 Tasa earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry and physics, his  
7 master's degree in chemistry, and his doctoral degree in community  
8 college education; he taught science in the Lone Oak Independent  
9 School District before joining the faculty at Brazosport College as  
10 a chemistry professor in 1973; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Tasa became chair of the mathematics and science  
12 division in 1991, and he was appointed to his present position seven  
13 years later; throughout his tenure, he has placed a strong emphasis  
14 on student success and helping to narrow the achievement gap; he has  
15 developed numerous programs to address the changing needs of the  
16 college and the community, and he has further shared his leadership  
17 as president of the Brazosport College Faculty Assembly; and

18 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his profession, Dr. Tasa has served on  
19 the advisory committee for the nuclear power technology degree  
20 program at Wharton County Junior College, and he has been involved  
21 in workshops and conferences for such organizations as the National  
22 Institute for Staff & Organizational Development, the Texas  
23 Community College Instructional Administrators, and the Texas  
24 Association of College Technical Educators; he has also been

1 secretary of the chemistry section of the Texas Community College  
2 Teachers Association, and he has served on advisory panels for the  
3 National Science Foundation; and

4 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan has benefited the wider community  
5 in a variety of roles; a Paul Harris Fellow of the Angleton Rotary  
6 Club, he has shared his time as a member of the career and  
7 technology advisory council for the Sweeny Independent School  
8 District, and he has coached Junior Olympic girls softball;  
9 moreover, he has served First United Methodist Church in Angleton  
10 as treasurer and as chair of the finance committee, the  
11 pastor-parish relations committee, and the administrative board;  
12 in all his endeavors, he enjoys the support and encouragement of his  
13 wife, Pat Tasa, and his daughters, Laura Tasa and Heather  
14 Brizendine, and he is devoted to his two-year-old grandson, Gage  
15 Brizendine; and

16 WHEREAS, Over the course of more than four decades, Ken Tasa  
17 has set high standards to which all educators may aspire, and his  
18 accomplishments as an administrator, teacher, and mentor have  
19 earned him the lasting respect and admiration of his colleagues and  
20 students alike; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
22 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Ken Tasa  
23 on his retirement as Brazosport College senior vice president of  
24 academic and student affairs and extend to him sincere best wishes  
25 for the future; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for Dr. Tasa as an expression of high regard by the Texas

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1 House of Representatives.