

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. R. Bowen Loftin is stepping down as president of  
2 Texas A&M University on January 13, 2014, and returning to the  
3 classroom; and

4           WHEREAS, During his tenure, Dr. Loftin has made involvement  
5 with students a priority, and he has distinguished himself  
6 throughout a period of research advancement and record enrollment  
7 growth; he provided skillful guidance in a number of major changes,  
8 including membership in the Southeastern Conference for  
9 intercollegiate athletics, and he has overseen the merger with the  
10 Texas A&M Health Science Center and the acquisition of a law school;  
11 he has created a strong working relationship with A&M students,  
12 always putting them first, engaging with them through social media,  
13 and agreeing to meet with any student on request; he is a familiar  
14 presence on campus, where his trademark bow tie has begun to set a  
15 new standard of attire; and

16           WHEREAS, Dr. Loftin was appointed president in February 2010,  
17 following eight months as interim president; previously, he served  
18 for four years as a system vice president and as chief executive  
19 officer of Texas A&M University at Galveston, and he was a professor  
20 of maritime systems engineering as well; he joined the A&M system  
21 from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, where he was a  
22 professor of computer science and of electrical and computer  
23 engineering; in addition, he was the director of the Virginia  
24 Modeling, Analysis, and Simulation Center; earlier in his career,

1 he was employed by the University of Houston as professor and chair  
2 of the Department of Computer Science and director of the NASA  
3 Virtual Environments Research Institute; and

4 WHEREAS, A prominent expert in his field, Dr. Loftin is  
5 frequently called upon as a consultant by both industry and  
6 government in the areas of homeland security, advanced training  
7 technologies, scientific and engineering data visualization, and  
8 modeling and simulation; he is the author or coauthor of more than  
9 100 technical publications, and he serves on numerous governmental  
10 and academic advisory committees and panels; and

11 WHEREAS, This esteemed educator is a member of the Aggie  
12 Class of '71 and a graduate of the physics program at A&M, and he  
13 holds master's and doctoral degrees in physics from Rice  
14 University; through the years, he has received myriad accolades,  
15 among them two Excellence in Teaching and Service awards from the  
16 University of Houston-Downtown and an American Association of  
17 Artificial Intelligence Award for an innovative application of  
18 artificial intelligence; moreover, NASA honored him with its 1995  
19 Invention of the Year Award, Public Service Medal, and Space Act  
20 Award; and

21 WHEREAS, Dedicated to teaching and research, Dr. Loftin will  
22 continue to serve A&M as a tenured professor in the Department of  
23 Industrial and Systems Engineering; plans are also under way for  
24 his establishment of an institute at the university focusing on  
25 advanced simulation in human behavioral modeling; and

26 WHEREAS, Bowen Loftin has immeasurably benefited Texas A&M  
27 University through his able leadership and steadfast commitment to

1 Aggie core values, and as he embarks on the next exciting phase of  
2 his noteworthy career, he may indeed reflect with pride on his  
3 accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
5 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend Dr. R. Bowen Loftin  
6 for his service as president of Texas A&M University and extend to  
7 him sincere best wishes for continued success in his endeavors;  
8 and, be it further

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

Raney  
Workman  
Dukes  
Bohac  
Crownover  
King of Zavala  
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Anderson  
Kacal  
Ashby  
Bonnen of Galveston  
Guillen  
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H.R. No. 111

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 111 was adopted by the House on July 25, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House