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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Dr. David Daniel has rendered outstanding service

2 as president of The University of Texas at Dallas, and it is indeed

3 fitting to recognize the accomplishments of this distinguished

4 educator; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel earned his bachelor's, master's, and

6 doctoral degrees from The University of Texas at Austin, where he

7 joined the faculty after graduation and taught for 16 years; he

8 moved to the University of Illinois in 1996 and eventually became

9 that school's dean of engineering; and

10 WHEREAS, Since assuming his post at UTD in 2005, Dr. Daniel

11 has presided over an exciting period of growth and expansion; the

12 school has tripled its research expenditures, and 50 new degree

13 programs have been created; in addition, university enrollment has

14 increased by more than 50 percent, and Dr. Daniel has overseen \$600

15 million of new construction, including a state-of-the-art Natural

16 Science and Engineering Research Building; other areas on which he

17 has focused include attracting top faculty and students, improving

18 graduation rates, expanding diversity, and partnering with the

19 community in research, the arts, technology, and other outreach

20 programs; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel has also given generously of his time and

22 talents through his work as chair of the External Review Panel of

23 the American Society of Civil Engineers and as president of The

24 Academy of Medicine, Engineering, and Science of Texas; he was

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- 1 appointed to a committee investigating the Deepwater Horizon
- 2 explosion and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, and he also serves on
- 3 the board of directors of the Sandia National Laboratories and
- 4 numerous Dallas-area organizations; in recognition of his
- 5 achievements, he received the two highest honors of the American
- 6 Society of Civil Engineers, the Norman Medal and the Croes Medal,
- 7 and he has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of
- 8 Engineering; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Dallas has gained
- 10 immeasurably from Dr. Daniel's many contributions and will surely
- 11 continue to benefit from his exemplary leadership and commitment to
- 12 academic excellence in the years to come; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
- 14 Legislature hereby commend Dr. David Daniel for his service as
- 15 president of The University of Texas at Dallas and extend to him
- 16 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further
- 17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 18 prepared for Dr. Daniel as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 19 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 735 was adopted by the House on March 20, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House