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H.R. No. 735

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

13 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.