

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Wright Lassiter, Jr., has announced plans to
2 retire as chancellor of the Dallas County Community College
3 District, drawing to a close a tenure marked by considerable
4 progress and achievement; and

5 WHEREAS, The sixth chancellor to lead the district, Dr.
6 Lassiter has presided over one of the largest community college
7 systems in the state; since taking office in 2006, he has overseen a
8 20 percent increase in student enrollment and the completion of a
9 \$450 million bond program, which added five new campuses in
10 fast-growing or underserved areas of Dallas County; the program has
11 additionally funded the construction of an array of
12 state-of-the-art facilities throughout the district's seven
13 colleges, including several that have been recognized with
14 architectural design and sustainability awards; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Lassiter studied business administration at
16 Alcorn State University and Indiana University, earning
17 undergraduate and master's degrees from those respective
18 institutions, and he holds a doctorate in education from Auburn
19 University; his extensive experience in university administration
20 includes a 20-year tenure as president of El Centro College, a
21 component of the DCCCD, and terms as president of Bishop College in
22 Dallas and Schenectady County Community College in New York; he has
23 additionally held posts managing business and financial matters at
24 Morgan State University in Maryland and at Tuskegee University in

1 Alabama; and

2 WHEREAS, Along with his professional endeavors, Dr. Lassiter
3 has benefited the community through his work with many civic
4 organizations; he has chaired the boards of both the Urban League of
5 Greater Dallas and North Central Texas and the African American
6 Museum, and he has served on the boards of Southwestern Medical
7 Foundation, the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, the YMCA
8 Foundation, and the State Fair of Texas; he has also held a seat on
9 the advisory boards at Baylor University and Auburn University, and
10 in 2002 he was appointed by President George W. Bush to the National
11 Advisory Council of the National Endowment for the Humanities; and

12 WHEREAS, This distinguished educator has received numerous
13 accolades over the course of his career, among them the 2010 Russell
14 H. Perry Free Enterprise Award from Dallas Baptist University, a
15 prize that recognizes achievements in business and civic service;
16 moreover, he has been elected to the Indiana University Academy of
17 Alumni Fellows, and he was recently inducted into the African
18 American Educators Hall of Fame in Dallas; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Lassiter's adept and forward-looking leadership
20 has helped to guide the Dallas County Community College District
21 through a transformative period in its history, and his many
22 valuable contributions will continue to garner appreciation in the
23 years to come; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
25 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Wright Lassiter, Jr., on his
26 forthcoming retirement as chancellor of the Dallas County Community
27 College District and extend to him sincere best wishes for the

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1 future; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for Dr. Lassiter as an expression of high regard by the
4 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1333 was adopted by the House on April 17, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House