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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The University of North Texas at Dallas has greatly
2 benefited from the leadership of Dr. John Ellis Price, who is
3 retiring from his position as president of the institution in 2013;
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5 WHEREAS, Formerly an extension of the University of North
6 Texas, UNT-Dallas was established as a result of a locally
7 initiated, public-private partnership launched in 1997; when the
8 campus was authorized by the Texas Legislature in 2001, Dr. Price
9 was named its chief executive officer; and

10 WHEREAS, While guiding the university in its early days,
11 Dr. Price led the development of an award-winning master plan for
12 the 264-acre campus, including the construction of its first
13 environmentally green, Gold LEED-certified buildings; in addition,
14 he headed the 21st Century Commission, a group of business, civic,
15 and philanthropic leaders working to define the university's role
16 in Dallas and the North Texas region and to develop innovations and
17 best practices to ensure that the school provides an affordable,
18 high-quality education; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Price became vice provost of the university in
20 2003, and under his direction, additional faculty and staff were
21 hired to support the growing student body; by 2009, the
22 university's enrollment had reached 1,000 full-time students, the
23 benchmark that allowed it to become officially recognized as an
24 independent general academic institution; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2010, Dr. Price was named the founding president
2 of UNT-Dallas, the first public, four-year university in the city,
3 and he led its inaugural commencement ceremonies on December 19,
4 2010, when 173 undergraduate and 25 graduate degrees were
5 conferred; and

6 WHEREAS, This esteemed administrator received his bachelor's
7 and master's degrees at The University of Southern Mississippi, and
8 he earned his doctorate in accounting from the University of North
9 Texas in 1981; a certified public accountant, he previously served
10 on the UNT faculty and as chair of its Department of Accounting, and
11 he is the coauthor of *College Accounting*, one of the most widely
12 used textbooks in the subject; and

13 WHEREAS, Highly active in professional and civic groups,
14 Dr. Price has chaired the Minority Initiatives Committee of the
15 American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and he is a
16 member of the Dallas Friday Group and Uplift Education, as well as a
17 trustee of the Dallas Historical Society; a recipient of numerous
18 accolades, Dr. Price has twice received the UNT Outstanding
19 Teaching Award, as well as the university's President's Council
20 Award; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. John Ellis Price has rendered outstanding
22 service to UNT-Dallas, and his tireless efforts to build on the
23 university's record of excellence have greatly benefited its
24 students and the entire community; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
26 Legislature hereby honor Dr. John Ellis Price on the occasion of
27 his retirement from the University of North Texas at Dallas and

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1 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further
2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for Dr. Price as an expression of high regard by the Texas
4 House of Representatives.