

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 545

WHEREAS, James D. Spaniolo is retiring as president of The University of Texas at Arlington after nearly a decade of exemplary service; and

WHEREAS, Jim Spaniolo became the seventh president of The University of Texas at Arlington in 2004, and under his skillful leadership, the university has experienced considerable growth in enrollment and has created more than 100 new faculty positions; the school has also benefited from a three-fold increase in its research expenditures, which now total more than \$70 million, and private donations to the school have quadrupled; moreover, Mr. Spaniolo has overseen construction and renovation projects for over a dozen buildings, with new facilities that include an expansive engineering and science research complex and a 7,000-seat special events center; and

WHEREAS, This noteworthy administrator holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Michigan State University and both a master's degree in public administration and a juris doctorate from the University of Michigan; he began his career in law and served as associate general counsel for the American Newspaper Publishers Association, in addition to founding its legal department; in 1977, Mr. Spaniolo joined Knight-Ridder, Inc., as an attorney and newspaper executive, and after more than a decade in that position, he became the vice president and chief program officer of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the largest media-related private foundation in the country; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Mr. Spaniolo was appointed dean of the College of Communication Arts and Sciences at Michigan State University; during his eight-year tenure there, he oversaw five departments, more than 100 faculty and staff, nearly 4,000 students, and an annual budget exceeding \$10 million; along the way, he helped to establish the college's Quello Center for Telecommunication Management and Law and served as a professor in the School of Journalism; and

WHEREAS, A respected member of the North Texas community for the past nine years, Mr. Spaniolo serves on the executive committee of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and is a board member for numerous other area organizations, including the North Texas Commission, the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation, and North Texas Leaders and Executives Advocating Diversity; and

WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Arlington has benefited immeasurably from the vision, dedication, and expertise of President James Spaniolo, and his contributions will continue to resonate in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby congratulate James D. Spaniolo on his retirement as president of The University of Texas at Arlington and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Spaniolo as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

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Zaffirini

Member, Texas Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 26, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate