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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Phillips has announced plans to retire as  
2 president of Angelina College in Lufkin in 2015, drawing to a close  
3 an outstanding tenure of nearly 25 years with that institution; and

4 WHEREAS, Since his installation as the second president of  
5 Angelina College in 1991, Dr. Phillips has overseen significant  
6 growth in a number of key areas, ranging from student enrollment to  
7 programs and facilities; under his leadership, capital  
8 improvements have included the construction of an activity center,  
9 a performing arts center, a community services and conference  
10 building, a center for technology and workforce development, and a  
11 new health careers building; moreover, Dr. Phillips has guided the  
12 opening of nine off-campus education centers, further expanding  
13 learning opportunities for residents of East Texas; and

14 WHEREAS, Before taking the helm of Angelina College,  
15 Dr. Phillips served as the South Campus president of Lone Star  
16 College from 1984 to 1991; his career in education spans five  
17 decades and includes more than 40 years as a community college  
18 administrator, following 8 years as a teacher and administrator at  
19 the secondary school level; a 1964 graduate of Rice University, he  
20 holds a master's degree from The University of Texas and a doctorate  
21 in educational administration from the University of Houston; and

22 WHEREAS, Committed to advancing the well-being of his region  
23 and its citizens, Dr. Phillips has served as president of the Deep  
24 East Texas Development Association and as a member of the board of

1 the Lufkin/Angelina County Economic Development Partnership, the  
2 Beth and Horace Stubblefield Learning Center, and Family Place  
3 Lufkin; he is also a member of the Lufkin Rotary Club and the  
4 Lufkin/Angelina Chamber of Commerce; in addition, Dr. Phillips has  
5 given generously of his time and talents in behalf of a number of  
6 professional organizations, serving as president of the  
7 Association of Texas Colleges and Universities, as member of the  
8 executive committee of the Texas Association of Community Colleges,  
9 and as a presidential representative to the National Junior College  
10 Athletic Association; and

11 WHEREAS, For his important contributions to education and to  
12 his community, this distinguished administrator was named East  
13 Texan of the Year by the Deep East Texas Council of Governments in  
14 2013, and he was the recipient of the Silver Bucket Award of the  
15 Texas Forest Country Partnership in 2011; and

16 WHEREAS, Angelina College has gained immeasurably from the  
17 skilled and farsighted leadership that Dr. Larry Phillips has  
18 demonstrated throughout his long tenure as president, and his  
19 record of achievement will continue to resonate at the school in the  
20 years to come; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Larry Phillips for his service as  
23 president of Angelina College and extend to him sincere best wishes  
24 for continued success and fulfillment in all his endeavors; and, be  
25 it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
27 prepared for Dr. Phillips as an expression of high regard by the

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1 Texas House of Representatives.