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H.R. No. 501

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Jesse W. Rogers is retiring as president of  
2   Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls on August 31, 2015,  
3   drawing to a close nearly half a century of exemplary service to  
4   that institution; and

5           WHEREAS, Dr. Rogers joined MSU as an assistant professor of  
6   chemistry in 1967, and he became chair of the chemistry department  
7   three years later; in 1978, he was named the university's vice  
8   president for academic affairs, and he continued to teach courses  
9   in chemistry; and

10          WHEREAS, This outstanding educator was appointed MSU's 10th  
11   president in 2001, and over the past 14 years he has proven to be a  
12   dynamic leader, earning the admiration of faculty, staff, and  
13   students alike; and

14          WHEREAS, A highly respected figure in his field, Dr. Rogers  
15   has worked closely with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating  
16   Board, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the  
17   Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors; and

18          WHEREAS, In addition to his other responsibilities,  
19   Dr. Rogers has found time to give back to his community as a member  
20   of the Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce and of the boards of the  
21   Erle and Emma White Hospice Endowment Trust, the Texas Specialty  
22   Hospital at Wichita Falls, and the Sheppard Air Force Base Heritage  
23   Center; and

24          WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Dr. Rogers has enjoyed the

1 love and support of his family, which includes his wife, Dr. Karen  
2 Rogers, his two daughters, his son-in-law, and his granddaughter;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, For 48 years, the dedication, professionalism, and  
5 commitment to excellence demonstrated by Dr. Jesse Rogers have  
6 greatly benefited Midwestern State University, and he may indeed  
7 reflect with pride on a distinguished career as he embarks upon the  
8 next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Jesse W. Rogers on his  
11 retirement as president of Midwestern State University and extend  
12 to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it  
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for Dr. Rogers as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
16 House of Representatives.