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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Lange became the founding president of
2 the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso in July
3 2014; and

4 WHEREAS, A distinguished cardiologist and gifted
5 administrator, Dr. Lange also serves as dean of the Paul L. Foster
6 School of Medicine at Texas Tech; he previously served for six years
7 as vice chair of medicine and director of educational programs at
8 The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, where
9 he is a tenured professor; and

10 WHEREAS, From 2004 to 2008, Dr. Lange was the chief of
11 clinical cardiology and the E. Cowles Andrus Professor at Johns
12 Hopkins Hospital; while there, he spearheaded efforts to raise
13 funds for a new hospital, establish new satellite clinical
14 programs, and increase research funding by 60 percent, to nearly
15 \$40 million; moreover, he launched what is considered the first
16 medical podcast, and PodMED remains one of the most popular of its
17 kind; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Lange completed his bachelor's degree in
19 biochemistry at the University of North Texas and went on to
20 graduate from The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center;
21 following an internship and residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital, he
22 pursued a fellowship in cardiology at UT Southwestern; he then
23 joined the faculty and became director of the Cardiac
24 Catheterization Laboratory; for many years, he also served as

1 fellowship program director, and he held the Jonsson-Rogers Chair
2 in Cardiology and led the Audre and Bernard Rapoport Center for
3 Cardiovascular Research; while a tenured professor at Johns
4 Hopkins, he earned an MBA from its Carey Business School; and

5 WHEREAS, Over the years, Dr. Lange has published more than
6 300 journal articles and book chapters as an active clinical
7 investigator in cardiology; he is a member of the editorial boards
8 of numerous journals, and he served on the FDA Circulatory System
9 Devices Panel; in addition, he has served as president of the
10 American Heart Association Texas Affiliate, and he is the recipient
11 of myriad teaching awards from students, residents, and fellows;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Richard Lange has brought to his position a rare
14 combination of leadership ability, medical expertise, and academic
15 distinction, and he is uniquely qualified to establish a tradition
16 of excellence at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
17 El Paso; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Richard Lange on his
20 appointment as the inaugural president of the Texas Tech University
21 Health Sciences Center El Paso and extend to him sincere best wishes
22 for continued success in his important work; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Dr. Lange as an expression of high regard by the Texas
25 House of Representatives.