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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Zachary Hodges marked 20 years as president of
2 Houston Community College Northwest on May 1, 2014; and

3 WHEREAS, An admired educator with more than 40 years of
4 experience, Dr. Hodges has served as acting vice chancellor of
5 academic affairs for Houston Community College in addition to
6 fulfilling his duties as president; he has worked tirelessly to
7 enhance the institution's brand while collaborating with local
8 school districts, supporting underserved groups in the area, and
9 engaging the wider community in higher education issues; moreover,
10 he has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to workforce
11 development; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Hodges guided the successful effort to forge a
13 partnership with The University of Texas at Tyler; UT-Tyler now
14 offers junior- and senior-level engineering-degree courses at the
15 HCC Alief Campus, where students can earn associate degrees in the
16 subject; in addition, he facilitated a Memorandum of Understanding
17 with the University of Houston System to develop a university
18 center for the Katy-West Houston area; and

19 WHEREAS, Over the years, Dr. Hodges has gained recognition as
20 a strong proponent of entrepreneurship; in 2012, he delivered a
21 presentation at the National Association for Community College
22 Entrepreneurship conference, and the following year, he was
23 selected as the association's Entrepreneurial President of the
24 Year; he has also earned many accolades for his endeavors in behalf

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1 of economic development, including the Diamond Leadership Award
2 from the West Houston Leadership Institute, the Pinnacle Award from
3 the Houston West Chamber of Commerce, and the Citizen of the Year
4 Award from the Katy Area Chamber of Commerce; and

5 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan has taken leadership roles in
6 such organizations as the Houston Film Commission, Genesys Works,
7 the Houston Technology Center, and the Texas Association of
8 Business, and he has served on commissions sponsored by the
9 American Council on Education and the American Association of
10 Community Colleges; he holds a bachelor's degree in history, a
11 master's degree, and a doctoral degree in counseling from Texas A&M
12 University-Commerce; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the course of more than two decades, Zachary
14 Hodges has contributed to the prosperity and vibrancy of the
15 Houston area while helping numerous area residents build a strong
16 foundation for success, and it is indeed fitting to recognize this
17 milestone in his noteworthy career; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Zachary Hodges on his 20th
20 anniversary as president of Houston Community College Northwest and
21 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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