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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. David E. Daniel is concluding an exemplary
2 tenure as president of The University of Texas at Dallas on July 1,
3 2015, in order to take on a new role as deputy chancellor and chief
4 operating officer of The University of Texas System; and

5 WHEREAS, An alumnus of The University of Texas at Austin,
6 where he earned his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in
7 engineering, Dr. Daniel served on the UT faculty for 16 years
8 before accepting a position as dean of engineering at the
9 University of Illinois in 1996; he ably served in that role until
10 2005, when he was named the fourth president of The University of
11 Texas at Dallas; and

12 WHEREAS, During his decade-long tenure at UT Dallas,
13 Dr. Daniel has overseen the dramatic growth of the institution,
14 which has increased enrollment by 60 percent and has expanded the
15 faculty from 350 to more than 530 members; the school has also added
16 50 academic programs, tripled research expenditures, and initiated
17 or completed an estimated \$1 billion in construction of new
18 buildings and infrastructure; consistently hailed as a best value
19 by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* and the Princeton Review, the
20 university was ranked in the top tier of the 2010 list of Best
21 National Universities published by *U.S. News & World Report*; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel further distinguished himself as
23 president of the Academy of Medicine, Engineering, and Science of
24 Texas in 2009 and as chair of the American Society of Civil

1 Engineers External Review Panel for three years; a member of the
2 National Academy of Engineering since 2000, he was appointed by
3 that organization and the National Research Council to a committee
4 that investigated the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill in
5 the Gulf of Mexico, and today he serves as a member of the board of
6 directors of the Sandia Corporation and on the governing council of
7 the NAE; and

8 WHEREAS, Repeatedly recognized by the American Society of
9 Civil Engineers for his many professional achievements, Dr. Daniel
10 was presented with the organization's highest honor, the Norman
11 Medal, in 1975 and was selected for the J. James R. Croes Medal in
12 1984 and 2000, and he also earned the 2007 Presidents' Award and the
13 2010 Outstanding Projects and Leaders Award for Education; in
14 addition, he was named a 2009 Texan of the Year finalist by the
15 *Dallas Morning News*; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel is bringing a wealth of knowledge and
17 expertise to his new position with the UT System, one of the largest
18 public university systems in the nation; there, he will assist in
19 the formulation and implementation of the system's major goals and
20 manage the personnel and daily operations of the UT System
21 Administration; and

22 WHEREAS, David Daniel's vision and leadership have
23 contributed immeasurably to the stature of UT Dallas over the past
24 decade, and the energy and commitment he brings to his new role will
25 surely serve the UT System well; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
27 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. David E. Daniel on his

1 appointment as deputy chancellor and chief operating officer of The
2 University of Texas System and commend him for his outstanding
3 service as president of The University of Texas at Dallas; and, be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Dr. Daniel as an expression of high regard by the Texas
7 House of Representatives.