

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 155

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Dr. Rogers has enjoyed the love and support of his family, which includes his wife, Dr. Karen Rogers, his two daughters, his son-in-law, and his granddaughter; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Dr. Rogers as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 11, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate