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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Timothy Summerlin concluded his
2 distinguished tenure as president and chancellor of Schreiner
3 University on June 1, 2017, and his retirement provides a fitting
4 opportunity to reflect on his myriad contributions to the
5 university; and

6 WHEREAS, Appointed as Schreiner's chief executive officer in
7 2001, Tim Summerlin has since ably shepherded the school through a
8 period of transformative change; under his leadership, a
9 comprehensive campaign was completed, doubling the university's
10 endowment and funding the expansion of numerous campus facilities;
11 following the success of that effort, Dr. Summerlin initiated a
12 second five-year capital campaign that surpassed its goal of \$50
13 million in May 2017; moreover, enrollment has increased by nearly
14 50 percent, and the university now offers baccalaureate degrees in
15 political science, nursing and public health, information
16 technology, theater, and sports management, along with an online
17 MBA program; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Summerlin earned his bachelor's degree in
19 English from Abilene Christian College and his master's degree and
20 Ph.D. in English from Yale University; before entering
21 administration, he taught English at Lamar University, and he went
22 on to transfer to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 1994
23 to serve as an English instructor and dean of the College of Arts
24 and Sciences; two years later, he became acting provost and vice

1 chancellor for academic affairs at UTC, and he took on that role at
2 Schreiner College in 1999; and

3 WHEREAS, A respected scholar, Dr. Summerlin has published
4 numerous journal articles and critical reviews on topics in
5 literature and the humanities, and he has presented professional
6 papers at a host of academic conferences; moreover, he has served on
7 the boards of the Council of Independent Colleges, the Association
8 of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities, and many other
9 professional and community organizations; and

10 WHEREAS, The students and faculty of Schreiner University
11 have been fortunate to benefit from such a passionate and engaged
12 leader at their university's helm, and Dr. Tim Summerlin may indeed
13 reflect with pride on all that he has achieved; now, therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
16 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Dr. Tim Summerlin on
17 his retirement as president and chancellor of Schreiner University
18 and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
19 further

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