

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 106

WHEREAS, Dr. Rodney H. Mabry retired as president of The University of Texas at Tyler on December 31, 2016, drawing to a close nearly two decades of exemplary service to that institution; and

WHEREAS, Since Dr. Mabry's appointment as president in 1998, the university has tripled its enrollment, from 3,000 to almost 9,000 students, and added four doctoral programs, the Ben and Maytee Fisch College of Pharmacy, and an engineering center in Houston; moreover, Dr. Mabry has overseen the construction of W. T. Brookshire Hall, the two Bill Ratliff buildings, the Herrington Patriot Center, the Center for the Musical Arts building, the David G. and Jacqueline M. Braithwaite Building, the Dub and B. J. Riter Millennium Carillon Tower and Plaza, the Ralph and Mary John Spence Fountain and Plaza, and several new residence halls; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the University of Kentucky, Rod Mabry holds a doctor of philosophy degree in economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; he previously served as head of the Department of Economics and Finance at the University of Louisiana-Monroe, as chair of the Department of Finance at Clemson University, and as dean of the College of Business at the University of Tulsa; highly regarded in his field, he is the author of more than 50 scholarly articles; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mabry has further contributed to the academic community through his work as commissioner for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, as treasurer of the Council of Public University Presidents and

Chancellors, and as chair of the Texas International Education Consortium Executive Committee; he has also served on the boards of such groups as the Tyler Economic Development Council, the East Texas Symphony Orchestra, Discovery Science Place, the Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County, and the United Way of Smith County; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Mabry enjoys the love and support of his wife, Merle Mabry, and his life has been further enriched by his two children and six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Tyler has gained immeasurably from the skilled and farsighted leadership that Dr. Mabry has provided throughout his 18-year tenure as president, and he may indeed reflect with great pride on his outstanding record of achievement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Rodney H. Mabry on his retirement as president of The University of Texas at Tyler and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Dr. Mabry 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 August 7, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate