

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 156

WHEREAS, Michael V. Tidwell was appointed president of The University of Texas at Tyler by The University of Texas System Board of Regents on January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, A highly regarded administrator and educator, Dr. Tidwell came to The University of Texas at Tyler from Eastern Michigan University, where he was dean of the College of Business; among other noteworthy accomplishments, he designed and launched a plan that quadrupled fund-raising within three years, and he established a new chair in entrepreneurship with a \$1 million gift; he previously served as dean of the College of Business at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and as assistant dean of the Clayton State University School of Business in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tidwell began his academic career as a visiting assistant professor in the College of Communication and Information at the University of Kentucky--Lexington and later joined the faculties of Whitworth University in Washington and Truman State University--Kirksville in Missouri; in addition, he has held several faculty appointments in India and Kenya; his recent research is focused on managing business relationships across international boundaries, and he is widely published in such scholarly journals as the *International Journal of Management Theory and Practices*, the *Journal of Business Communication*, and *Nonprofit Management and Leadership*; since 2003, he has also been a business consultant in human resource matters; and

WHEREAS, Born in southern California, with family roots in Tyler, Dr. Tidwell received his bachelor's degree in communication from Ball State University in 1995; he gained work experience in marketing, corporate communications, and corporate management before going on to complete both his master's degree in communication and doctorate in organizational studies at Washington State University; in all his endeavors, he is supported by the love and encouragement of his wife, Karen, and he is the proud father of two sons, Cyrus and Bradley; and

WHEREAS, Michael Tidwell has earned a sterling reputation through his vision, dynamism, and commitment to excellence, and The University of Texas at Tyler is sure to benefit from his skilled leadership; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Michael V. Tidwell on his new role as president of The University of Texas at Tyler and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

Hughes

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on August 15, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate