

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. William A. Staples is retiring as president of
2 the University of Houston-Clear Lake in August 2017, drawing to a
3 close a notable career in education that has spanned nearly four
4 decades; and

5 WHEREAS, William Staples joined the UHCL faculty in 1979 as
6 an associate professor of marketing, and he went on to serve as a
7 professor of marketing, program director, and associate dean and
8 dean of the School of Business; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1995, Dr. Staples became the university's fourth
10 president, and over the course of his exemplary 22-year tenure, he
11 has overseen the transition of UHCL to a four-year university, the
12 establishment of health care programs at the Texas Medical Center,
13 the launch of three doctoral programs, a 110 percent increase in
14 endowments, and the opening of the school's Pearland campus in
15 2010; and

16 WHEREAS, Under his leadership, the school has earned the
17 Christa McAuliffe Excellence in Teacher Education Award from the
18 American Association of State Colleges and Universities and an
19 award for community engagement from the Carnegie Foundation for the
20 Advancement of Teaching; in 2014, UHCL was named to the President's
21 Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation
22 for National and Community Service, and in 2016 and 2017, the school
23 was ranked as one of the Best Regional Universities in the West by
24 *U.S. News and World Report*; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Staples has served as board chair of the Bay
2 Area Houston Economic Partnership and the Southern Association of
3 Colleges and Schools and as a board member for Communities in
4 Schools Bay Area and the Armand Bayou Nature Center, among others;
5 he has been recognized with the NASA Public Service Medal, the
6 Quasar Award for Economic Development Excellence, and the George B.
7 Carlisle Distinguished Service Award from the Clear Creek Education
8 Foundation; and

9 WHEREAS, This esteemed administrator's dedication,
10 expertise, and leadership have greatly benefited UHCL and earned
11 him the respect and admiration of its students, faculty, and staff,
12 and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as he
13 embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. William A. Staples on his
17 retirement as president of the University of Houston-Clear Lake and
18 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 665

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 665 was adopted by the House on February 28, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House