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H.R. No. 1055

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lee Jackson is retiring as chancellor of the
2 University of North Texas System at the end of 2017, drawing to a
3 close a decade and a half of exemplary service to that institution;
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5 WHEREAS, A native of Austin, Mr. Jackson grew up in Dallas and
6 earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Duke
7 University and a master's in public administration from Southern
8 Methodist University; and

9 WHEREAS, Before his appointment as UNT chancellor,
10 Mr. Jackson enjoyed a distinguished 30-year career in state and
11 local government, starting as an assistant to the Dallas city
12 manager; he served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1977
13 to 1987, earning mention on *Texas Monthly's* "Ten Best Legislators"
14 list in 1983, and he went on to win election four times as Dallas
15 County judge; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson joined the UNT System in 2002, at the
17 beginning of a period of unprecedented growth; under his dynamic
18 leadership, the system has added a third campus, increased
19 enrollment and the number of degrees granted annually, and created
20 new professional programs in engineering, law, pharmacy, and
21 medicine; he has also overseen the expansion of the UNT Health
22 Science Center in Fort Worth and celebrated the designation of UNT
23 by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as one of the
24 state's emerging research universities and by the Carnegie

1 Endowment as a Tier One research university; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson has served his professional community as
3 a board member of the National Association of System Heads and as
4 chair of the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities and the
5 Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors; in
6 addition, he has served his local community on the boards of the
7 Dallas Citizens Council and the Dallas Regional Chamber; and

8 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Jackson has enjoyed the
9 love and support of his wife, Margaret, as well as that of his four
10 children and three grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, Lee Jackson's adept and forward-looking leadership
12 has helped guide the UNT System through a transformative period in
13 its history, and his many valuable contributions will continue to
14 resonate in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Lee Jackson on his retirement as
17 chancellor of the University of North Texas System and extend to him
18 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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