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H.R. No. 1215

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Ervin D. Seamster Jr. became the seventh
2 president of Southwestern Christian College on January 16, 2017;
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4 WHEREAS, An alumnus of Southwestern Christian College,
5 Dr. Seamster earned a master of divinity degree from the Southern
6 Methodist University Perkins School of Theology and a doctor of
7 ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Ohio; he served
8 for nine years in a number of ministry positions at Marsalis Avenue
9 Church of Christ in Dallas, and in 1999, he founded Light of the
10 World Church of Christ, where he continues to lead the congregation
11 as the senior minister; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Seamster joined the faculty of Abilene
13 Christian University in 1999, and during his three years with the
14 institution, he was invited to be a special consultant to the
15 university president; in that role, he worked to recruit
16 exceptional minority students for the doctoral fellows program, and
17 he also taught courses in Old Testament theology and urban ministry
18 in the 21st century; his other notable accomplishments include
19 cofounding Northwest Preparatory Academy in Houston and serving as
20 president of the real estate consulting firm EDS & Associates; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to fulfilling his many professional and
22 ministerial duties, Dr. Seamster has given generously of his time
23 and talents to numerous civic endeavors; from 2013 to 2016, he
24 served on the board of the Dallas Central Appraisal District, and he

1 is currently a Dallas County precinct chair; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Ervin Seamster Jr. is uniquely qualified to
3 build on the rich tradition of excellence at Southwestern Christian
4 College, and the institution will surely benefit from having this
5 visionary leader at its helm; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Ervin D. Seamster Jr. on his
8 appointment as president of Southwestern Christian College and
9 extend to him sincere best wishes for a successful tenure; and, be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Dr. Seamster as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.