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R E S O L U T I O N

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

9 WHEREAS, Before his appointment as UNT System 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; during his notable tenure, he led successful bond
16 elections to improve roads, county bridges, juvenile justice
17 systems, and job training programs; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson joined the UNT System in 2002, at the
19 beginning of a period of unprecedented growth; under his dynamic
20 leadership, the system has increased enrollment and the number of
21 degrees granted annually, created new professional programs in
22 engineering, law, pharmacy, and medicine, and set new design
23 standards while beautifying the campuses; he has also overseen the
24 creation of the UNT Dallas campus and the expansion of the UNT

1 Health Science Center in Fort Worth, and he has celebrated the
2 designation of UNT as a Tier One research university by the Carnegie
3 Endowment; and

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

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

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

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

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