

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 771

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Lee F. Jackson, who is retiring after 15 years of exceptional service as chancellor of the University of North Texas System; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson joined the University of North Texas System as chancellor in 2002 after a long and distinguished career in public service that saw him serve five terms in the Texas House of Representatives and four terms as Dallas County judge; he was named to *Texas Monthly's* "Ten Best Legislators" list in 1983 and was instrumental in the passage of numerous infrastructure development bonds and the advancement of other improvements and programs throughout Dallas County; and

WHEREAS, Under his outstanding leadership, the University of North Texas System has undergone unprecedented growth; four-year and five-year graduation rates have increased dramatically and the number of degrees awarded each year has nearly doubled; the University of North Texas was named a Tier One research university by the Carnegie Endowment, and the system's annual research investment has gone from \$28 million to \$68 million; and

WHEREAS, During Mr. Jackson's tenure, the University of North Texas at Dallas opened as the first public university within the city, and he has been an ardent supporter of its new law school; he also oversaw the creation of new professional programs in engineering, pharmacy, and medicine, as well as the expansion of the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary educator and administrator, he is respected and admired by faculty and students alike, and his presence as chancellor of the University of North Texas System will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Chancellor Lee F. Jackson on his exceptional career as chancellor of the University of North Texas System and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 11, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate