RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, David W. Leebron is stepping down as president of Rice University on June 30, 2022, after 18 years of dedicated service to the institution; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Leebron was appointed as the seventh president of Rice in 2004, and he has guided the school through a period of tremendous progress; under his leadership, the growing student population has become more diverse, and applications for enrollment have quadrupled; moreover, he has helped increase financial support for research initiatives, and he has overseen various updates to the campus, including the addition of new buildings and numerous renovation and construction projects; along the way, he has also worked as a member of the political science faculty at the university, and he authored a textbook on international human rights; and

WHEREAS, An alumnus of Harvard College, Mr. Leebron graduated from Harvard Law School in 1979, and he went on to work as a law clerk for Judge Shirley Hufstedler on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in Los Angeles; he held teaching positions at the UCLA School of Law, the New York University School of Law, and Columbia Law School, where he was later appointed dean and the Lucy G. Moses Professor of Law; he also served as a visiting fellow and professor at universities in Germany; among his many accolades, he has received several international honors, and he and his wife, university representative Y. Ping Sun, were selected as
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International Executives of the Year by the Greater Houston Partnership; and

WHEREAS, Through his visionary leadership, David Leebron has played a vital role in advancing the proud legacy of Rice University, and his achievements will continue to be appreciated for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend David W. Leebron for his service as president of Rice University and that he be extended sincere best wishes for the future.

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