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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Millicent M. Valek is retiring as president of
2 Brazosport College in January 2022, concluding a distinguished
3 tenure that has spanned more than a quarter century; and

4 WHEREAS, The longest-serving president in the school's
5 history, Dr. Valek took the helm of Brazosport College in 1996 and
6 she has guided the campus through a period of tremendous growth;
7 campus improvements include the renovation of the library and
8 student resource center as well as the construction of several new
9 facilities, such as The Clarion at Brazosport College, the Dow
10 Academic Center, the BASF Center for Process Technology, the Byron
11 & Sandra Sadler Health Professions/Science Complex, and, most
12 recently, the BCPC Welding Technologies Laboratory; and

13 WHEREAS, Among her many other accomplishments at Brazosport,
14 Dr. Valek has helped create such initiatives as the Catalyst
15 Program, which builds a pathway to associate degrees, ACE It, which
16 has led to a substantial increase in graduation rates, and
17 JumpStart, which helps meet the demand for skilled craft workers;
18 moreover, during her presidency, the campus has gained legislative
19 authority to offer one of the first baccalaureate degrees at a Texas
20 community college and has twice been ranked among the top 10
21 community colleges in the U.S. by the Aspen Institute; Brazosport
22 has also earned Leader College of Distinction status; and

23 WHEREAS, Prior to joining Brazosport, Dr. Valek served as
24 vice president for academic affairs at Arizona Western College and

1 as director of faculty development at Austin Community College; she
2 holds a bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at Austin and
3 a master's degree from Texas State University, and she earned a
4 Ph.D. through the Community College Leadership Program at UT
5 Austin, where she received the Distinguished Graduate Award from
6 the College of Education; and

7 WHEREAS, Through her visionary leadership, Dr. Millicent
8 Valek has played a vital role in advancing the proud legacy of
9 Brazosport College, and her achievements will continue to be
10 appreciated for years to come; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Millicent M. Valek on her
13 retirement as president of Brazosport College and extend to her
14 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Dr. Valek as an expression of high regard by the Texas
17 House of Representatives.