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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Joe May will be retiring as chancellor of Dallas
2 College on August 31, 2022, drawing to a close more than eight years
3 of exemplary service to the institution; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. May has served as chancellor since February
5 2014, and under his leadership, Dallas College has created the
6 Career Connected Learner Network in association with 200 area
7 organizations in order to provide opportunities for a living wage
8 for the residents of Dallas County; he also spearheaded the
9 establishment of Dallas County Promise, a highly successful tuition
10 assistance program, as well as the addition of early college
11 programs in local schools offering dual credit; he initiated the
12 creation of a bachelor's degree program in early childhood
13 education, and in 2020, he oversaw the consolidation of the former
14 Dallas County Community College District's seven schools into one
15 accredited institution; and

16 WHEREAS, A native of East Texas, Joe May earned his
17 bachelor's and master's degrees from Stephen F. Austin State
18 University and his doctorate in education from Texas A&M
19 University-Commerce; he began his career as an adjunct instructor
20 at the Cedar Valley campus of Dallas College in 1978, and he later
21 served in leadership positions at Sul Ross State University,
22 Navarro College, and Vernon College; before joining Dallas College,
23 he was president of Pueblo Community College in Colorado and
24 president of the Colorado Community College System, and from 2007

1 to 2014, he was president of the Louisiana Community and Technical
2 College System, overseeing the education of more than 100,000
3 students at 13 community and technical colleges; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. May has served as president of the National
5 Council of State Directors of Community Colleges as well as
6 Rebuilding America's Middle Class, a national consortium of
7 community colleges; he is a member of the Council for Higher
8 Education Accreditation, the National Workforce Solutions Advisory
9 Board, and the ACT Workforce Council, and he has been recognized as
10 CEO of the Year for the Southern Region by the Association of
11 Community College Trustees, as a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary
12 International, and as a distinguished alumni by SFASU and Texas
13 A&M-Commerce; and

14 WHEREAS, Joe May's commitment to excellence and innovation in
15 education has made him a leader in his profession and contributed
16 greatly to the success of Dallas College, and he may indeed take
17 great pride in his many achievements as he looks forward to the next
18 exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Joe May on his upcoming
21 retirement as chancellor of Dallas College and extend to him
22 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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