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H.C.R. No. 14

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Fred Underwood is receiving a Distinguished Alumni
2 Award from the Texas Tech Alumni Association on November 17, 2023;
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4 WHEREAS, Each year, the Texas Tech Alumni Association honors
5 graduates of Texas Tech University who have made a significant
6 impact on the lives of others through their professional
7 achievements and community involvement; and

8 WHEREAS, Fred Underwood earned his bachelor's degree from
9 Texas Tech in 1971; since 1987, he has been the CEO of The Trinity
10 Company, a cotton bale storage facility with seven locations
11 throughout Texas; the business was originally started by his
12 great-grandfather in 1904; a leader in his field, Mr. Underwood
13 currently serves as chair of the Cotton Warehouse Association of
14 America ways and means committee, and he has been involved with the
15 National Cotton Council of America and the U.S. Department of
16 Agriculture cotton advisory committee; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the years, Mr. Underwood has contributed his
18 time and talents to numerous other organizations and committees,
19 including the Texas Aviation Advisory Committee and the Texas
20 Transportation Commission; furthermore, he has given back to his
21 alma mater in many ways; he has served on the boards of the Texas
22 Tech Equestrian Center, the National Ranching Heritage Center, the
23 Chief Executive's Roundtable, the Texas Tech Medical Foundation,
24 the Institute of Environmental & Human Health, the Davis College of

1 Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, and the Texas Tech
2 University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing, and he has
3 also been a member of the Chancellor's Council, the Victory Circle
4 of the Red Raider Club, and the SPUR Society of Texas Tech; his
5 generous support for the university has further included endowing
6 two professorships in the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business and the
7 pediatric orthopedic chair at the TTUHSC School of Medicine, and he
8 created a scholarship for students on the Texas Tech rodeo team; and

9 WHEREAS, The accomplishments of noteworthy alumni are a
10 source of great pride to all those associated with Texas Tech, and
11 Fred Underwood is indeed deserving of this prestigious honor; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas,
14 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Fred Underwood on being
15 named a Distinguished Alumni by the Texas Tech Alumni Association
16 and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Mr. Underwood as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.