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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Tedd L. Mitchell, M.D., distinguished himself
2 through his more than 15 years of dedicated servant leadership to
3 the Texas Tech University System, first as president of Texas Tech
4 University Health Sciences Center and then as chancellor of the
5 Texas Tech University System; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell provided tremendous guidance and
7 support to the leadership teams of the five institutions of the
8 Texas Tech University System, including Texas Tech University,
9 Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Angelo State
10 University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso,
11 and Midwestern State University; he helped to enhance the Texas
12 Tech University System's profile, and he supported the shared
13 missions of advancing higher education, health care, research, and
14 community engagement; he also led the system's engagement with
15 elected officials in Austin and with federal leaders in Washington,
16 D.C., to further increase funding and support for strategic
17 initiatives at each university; and

18 WHEREAS, Under Dr. Mitchell's leadership, the Texas Tech
19 University System consistently achieved systemwide records in
20 enrollment, fundraising, and research expenditures, and it made a
21 \$19.2 billion statewide economic impact; moreover, the system
22 experienced exponential growth, including the addition of two
23 institutions, five schools, and numerous academic programs; the
24 system has made a meaningful impact in the lives of people across

1 Texas, including those in underserved rural areas, through
2 workforce development and collaborations with partners in public
3 education, local government, and private industry; and

4 WHEREAS, During the 86th Texas Legislature in 2019,
5 Dr. Mitchell led the Texas Tech University System's successful
6 efforts to secure approval for the establishment of the Woody L.
7 Hunt School of Dental Medicine at Texas Tech University Health
8 Sciences Center El Paso, the state's first dental school in over
9 half a century, as well as the Texas Tech University School of
10 Veterinary Medicine in Amarillo, the state's first veterinary
11 school in more than 100 years; those institutions have helped to
12 address shortages of dentists and veterinarians across the state;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell was instrumental in the Texas Tech
15 University System's historic success in each subsequent
16 legislative session since then, leading to the addition of
17 Midwestern State University as the fifth component of the system in
18 2021; he also oversaw the creation of the Texas University Fund in
19 2023, with the goal of supporting emerging Texas research
20 institutions in perpetuity; in 2025, he secured critical
21 legislative funding for each of the Texas Tech University System's
22 institutions to support strategic initiatives aligned with their
23 individual and collective strengths; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell's leadership and extensive medical
25 knowledge has led to the creation of the Big Cure Surgical Oncology
26 Fellowship Program, a partnership with the John Wayne Cancer
27 Foundation that aims to improve access to cancer care and health

1 outcomes for cancer patients in West Texas; in addition, he
2 contributed to the acquisition of the world's largest database on
3 research related to health and fitness to create the Kenneth H.
4 Cooper Institute at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, a
5 resource that will further advance preventive medicine and
6 positively impact the communities the system serves; and

7 WHEREAS, All of Dr. Tedd Mitchell's efforts serve as a
8 testament to his enduring and unwavering commitment to the people
9 and communities of West Texas, the State of Texas, and the United
10 States; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
12 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Tedd L. Mitchell,
13 M.D., for his exceptional service to the Texas Tech University
14 System, its institutions, and all those they serve, and extend to
15 him sincere appreciation for his extraordinary dedication; and, be
16 it further

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