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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 TTU  
5 System; and

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

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

1 collaborations with partners in public education, local  
2 government, and private industry; and

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

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

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Mitchell's leadership and extensive medical  
21 knowledge has led to the creation of the Big Cure Surgical Oncology  
22 Fellowship Program, a partnership with the John Wayne Cancer  
23 Foundation that aims to improve access to cancer care and health  
24 outcomes for cancer patients in West Texas; in addition, he  
25 contributed to the acquisition of the world's largest database on  
26 research related to health and fitness to create the Kenneth  
27 H. Cooper Institute at Texas Tech University Health Sciences

Center, a resource that will further advance preventive medicine and positively impact the communities the system serves; and

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

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

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Dr. Mitchell as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.