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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Stephen F. Austin State University is holding an
2 investiture ceremony for its 11th president, Dr. Neal Weaver, on
3 May 1, 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Weaver was selected for this distinguished
5 position by The University of Texas System Board of Regents in March
6 2024, following a rigorous search process and a unanimous vote to
7 appoint him; he began his tenure as president on May 13, 2024; and

8 WHEREAS, During the first year of his presidency, Dr. Weaver
9 has ably guided Stephen F. Austin State University in cultivating a
10 supportive environment for its students, faculty, and staff; he is
11 certain to continue to lead the institution to new heights as the
12 latest addition to The University of Texas System, with a clear
13 focus on furthering the university's academic mission, fostering
14 innovation, and strengthening its ties to the East Texas community;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Weaver has brought to his position a wealth of
17 experience in higher education leadership; he previously served as
18 president of Georgia Southwestern State University and as vice
19 president for university advancement and innovation at Nicholls
20 State University, and he held various prominent roles at West Texas
21 A&M University and Northeastern State University; and

22 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Dr. Weaver has demonstrated
23 a commitment to student success, institutional growth, and academic
24 excellence; he has driven significant progress in enrollment,

1 retention, and fundraising at every institution he has served; and

2 WHEREAS, Highly educated, Dr. Weaver holds a bachelor's
3 degree from Oklahoma Panhandle State University, a master of
4 business administration degree from Southeastern Oklahoma State
5 University, and a doctor of philosophy degree in organizational
6 leadership from the University of Oklahoma; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Neal Weaver has proven himself to be an
8 accomplished leader in higher education and an effective advocate
9 for students, and the Stephen F. Austin State University community
10 is indeed fortunate to have him at the helm of the institution; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
13 hereby congratulate Dr. Neal Weaver on his investiture as president
14 of Stephen F. Austin State University and extend to him sincere best
15 wishes for continued success with his important work; and, be it
16 further

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