

By: Eckhardt

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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Dr. David Wayne Fowler for his world-renowned research and excellence in engineering and for his decades of devoted service as an educator at The University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS, David Fowler grew up in the Texas Hill Country, and he was inspired in his professional endeavors by the experience he gained in his childhood assisting his father in the concrete and building materials business; he went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees in architectural engineering from The University of Texas at Austin and a doctoral degree in civil-structural engineering from the University of Colorado in Boulder; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Fowler returned to Austin upon completing his doctorate and began his tenure as an instructor at his alma mater in 1964; over the years, he has taught a wide range of courses on concrete polymer materials and engineering, including an international course he developed on forensic engineering that has led to pioneering advances in the field; and

WHEREAS, Over the span of his career, Dr. Fowler has produced a myriad of widely-referenced publications, and he has traveled to countries around the world to lecture and share his expertise at conferences and universities; he has earned extensive recognition for his research and achievements, and he

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has been presented with numerous professional and teaching awards by The University of Texas and other institutions; he is an honorary member of the Russian Academy of Engineering, and he collaborates with his colleagues in the industry as a fellow of the American Concrete Institute and the American Society of Civil Engineers; and

WHEREAS, Among the many accolades Dr. Fowler has received, he was honored with the establishment of the David and Maxine Fowler Endowed Excellence Fund in Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin; he serves as the Joe J. King Chair of Engineering Number 2 at the university and is a Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus, and his legacy and research was recently honored in 2025 at the annual Forensics Engineering Conference, which he founded nearly two decades ago; and

WHEREAS, Internationally recognized for his expertise in concrete materials and their strength and repair, Dr. David Fowler has made contributions to the field of civil engineering that have advanced construction practices and improved the safety and longevity of countless structures in the Lone Star State and worldwide; in all his endeavors, Dr. Fowler benefits from the love and support of his devoted wife, Maxine, and their two daughters; he is respected and admired by his colleagues and by the generations of students he has mentored and taught throughout six decades in higher education, and it is indeed fitting that he receive special recognition on his distinguished career and his many exceptional achievements; now, therefore, be

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby commend Dr. David Wayne Fowler on his outstanding contributions to his field and his years of dedicated service as an educator and researcher in the Lone Star State and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future and for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.