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H.R. No. 1687

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, After excelling in his role as director of athletics
2 for The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley over the past decade,
3 Chris King is stepping down to take the helm of the athletics
4 department at Robert Morris University on June 1, 2019; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. King's exceptional tenure at UTRGV began in
6 2009, and he has been at the forefront of a number of significant
7 developments; under his direction, the university joined the
8 Western Athletic Conference in 2013, and Vaquero athletes have made
9 an impressive showing in league competition, winning 4 team and 32
10 individual WAC crowns; moreover, he has overseen comprehensive
11 renovations of the school's athletic facilities along with new
12 construction; and

13 WHEREAS, A visionary leader of the school's Department of
14 Intercollegiate Athletics, Mr. King has established a culture of
15 social responsibility in which student-athletes engage with the
16 community through volunteerism and service work; his guidance has
17 also helped the members of the UTRGV sports teams to excel
18 academically, with student-athletes maintaining grade point
19 averages and graduation rates that exceed those of the general
20 student body; and

21 WHEREAS, After launching his career in 1995 at Campbell
22 University, Mr. King became director of compliance and special
23 events at Liberty University; he went on to work as assistant
24 athletic director for compliance and internal operations at the

1 University of Central Florida and then served as an associate
2 athletic director at the University of Alabama before moving to
3 UTRGV; and

4 WHEREAS, Highly respected by his colleagues, Mr. King was
5 honored as a 2017-2018 Under Armour Athletics Director of the Year
6 by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics;
7 he has served as a vice president of the NACDA Division I-AAA
8 Athletic Directors Association, and he has held multiple leadership
9 roles with the NCAA and the Western Athletic Conference; in all his
10 endeavors, he enjoys the love and support of his wife, Alicia, and
11 they are the proud parents of two daughters, Kylie and Mackenzie;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Through his dedication, professionalism, and
14 commitment to excellence, Chris King has made positive and lasting
15 contributions to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, and he
16 may reflect with pride on a job well done; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Chris King on his outstanding
19 accomplishments as director of athletics at The University of Texas
20 Rio Grande Valley and extend to him sincere best wishes for
21 continued success as he embarks on the next chapter of his career;
22 and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Mr. King as an expression of high regard by the Texas
25 House of Representatives.