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Executive Summary

A.R. 08 In Support of Congratulating President Jim Davis

This resolution was written to congratulate Jim Davis on officially becoming the 31st President of the University of Texas at Austin. A proud Longhorn, decorated veteran, and university leader, President Davis has been given the honor of guiding our university into its next chapters. Through this resolution, Student Government congratulates President Jim Davis on his appointment, and affirms both our support and excitement in working with him.

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WHEREAS, Student Government serves as the official voice of students at the University of Texas at Austin; and,

WHEREAS, Jim Davis' lifelong connection to UT began in childhood, when his father served as Chair of the Department of Radio, Television and Film, and continues today as both of his children are Longhorns; and,

WHEREAS, Jim Davis served his country with distinction as a U.S. Navy cryptologist during the Gulf War, earning the National Defense Service Medal and a Commanding Officer Commendation; and,

WHEREAS, Jim Davis is a proud Longhorn, graduating with highest honors in History from UT in 1996, being inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, as well as earning the Ferguson Honors Thesis Prize, and later earning his Juris Doctorate with honors from Harvard Law School in 1999; and,

WHEREAS, Jim Davis has served as a partner in private law practice, Deputy Attorney General for the State of Texas, and a trusted advisor to state agencies, boards, and commissions, including the UT System; and,

WHEREAS, Jim Davis has served UT Austin since 2018 as Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, and Vice President for Legal Affairs and Business Strategies, where his leadership spanned numerous transformational projects; and,

WHEREAS, Jim Davis played central roles in the development of a new academic medical center in partnership with the Dell Medical School and M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, the

Texas Institute for Electronics semiconductor consortium, and the Innovation Tower in the Austin Innovation District; and,

WHEREAS, Jim Davis advanced critical student-centered initiatives, including new undergraduate and graduate housing developments to address affordability challenges and the West Campus Ambassador program to improve safety and security; and,

WHEREAS, Jim Davis founded the Discovery to Impact research commercialization program, established UT's first commercial investment and proof of concept funds, and expanded resources for faculty innovation and entrepreneurship; and,

WHEREAS, Jim Davis has been appointed the 31st President of the University of Texas at Austin; and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, The University of Texas at Austin Student Government congratulates President Jim Davis and thanks him for his continued leadership, service, and dedication to advancing our institution; and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, The University of Texas at Austin Student Government recognizes President Davis' unique role in expanding affordability, safety, innovation, and institutional pride for students, faculty, staff, and alumni; and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, The University of Texas at Austin Student Government affirms President Davis' leadership in strengthening UT's national prominence in education, research, innovation, and service; and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, The University of Texas at Austin Student Government expresses its excitement in working with President Jim Davis to further our work and his by serving students on the 40 Acres; and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, A copy of this resolution be delivered to President Jim Davis.