

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD OF REGENTS

December 18, 2014

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Honoring Governor Rick Perry for his Outstanding Dedication and Service as Governor of the State of Texas and Naming of the Governor Rick Perry '72 Building on the Campus of Texas A&M University

Approval of the following resolution honoring Governor Rick Perry by the Board of Regents is recommended:

“WHEREAS, Governor Rick Perry, a fifth generation Texan, received a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University in 1972; and

WHEREAS, while a student at Texas A&M University, Governor Perry was a member of the Corps of Cadets, a bonfire red pot, and a junior and senior yell leader; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from Texas A&M University, Governor Rick Perry served honorably in the United States Air Force as a pilot flying C-130 tactical aircraft in the US, Europe, and the Middle East achieving the rank of captain; and

WHEREAS, after being honorably discharged from the United States Air Force, Governor Rick Perry returned home to West Texas to farm and ranch with his father Ray Perry and marry his lifelong sweetheart Anita Thigpen; and

WHEREAS, Rick Perry's political career started in 1985 as a representative for a rural West Texas district in the state House of Representatives where he was named to the best legislators list by Texas Monthly and the Dallas Morning News; and

WHEREAS, he was first elected to statewide office in 1990, and served as Texas Commissioner of Agriculture for two terms; and

WHEREAS, he was elected Lieutenant Governor of the State of Texas in 1998; and

WHEREAS, he became Governor of the State of Texas on December 21, 2000, and is the longest-serving governor in the history of the State of Texas, having been re-elected three times and serving 14 years; and

WHEREAS, as Texas' 47th governor, Rick Perry is the only Texas A&M graduate to occupy the Governor's Mansion; and

WHEREAS, as governor, Rick Perry was instrumental in helping Texas A&M University obtain the Texas Institute for Preclinical Studies, the Texas Institute for Genomic Medicine, and the National Center for Therapeutics Manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, during his service as governor, 168,354 students have graduated from Texas A&M University; and

WHEREAS, during his service as governor, annual funding for research expenditures rose from \$397 million to \$820 million; and

WHEREAS, Governor Perry was awarded Distinguished Alumnus of Texas A&M University in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Governor Perry is the author of two books, *On My Honor: Why the American Values of the Boy Scouts are Worth Fighting for*, and *Fed Up!: Our Fight to Save America from Washington*; and

WHEREAS, Governor Rick Perry is an Eagle Scout and a lifetime member of American Legion Post #75; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, express our deepest gratitude and respect for his distinguished service; and, be it, further

RESOLVED, that to recognize the legacy of Governor Rick Perry and the distinction he has brought to Texas A&M University during his lifetime, the Academic Building on the Texas A&M University campus is hereby named the ‘Governor Rick Perry ’72 Building’; and, be it, further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be included in the official minutes of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System as a permanent mark of this Board’s appreciation and gratitude for all that he has done for Texas A&M University and for the State of Texas.

ADOPTED, this 18th day of December 2014.”

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chairman, Board of Regents

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
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