

Agenda Item No.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Office of the Chancellor
June 1, 2021

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

Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Honoring Dr. John L. Junkins for His Service as Interim President of Texas A&M University

Approval of the following resolution honoring Dr. John L. Junkins by the Board of Regents is recommended:

“WHEREAS, Dr. John L. Junkins served with distinction and dedication as Interim President of Texas A&M University from January 1, 2021 until May 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Junkins continues to serve Texas A&M University admirably and will return to his prior and long-standing positions as director of the Hagler Institute for Advanced Study and as University Distinguished Professor of Aerospace Engineering and holder of the Royce E. Wisenbaker Chair in Innovation in Texas A&M University’s College of Engineering, the positions to which he said he aspired to return when he graciously accepted the request to lead Texas A&M University on an interim basis; and

WHEREAS, he continues to provide highly effective guidance in helping to prepare future leaders in engineering; and

WHEREAS, he continues to lead the Hagler Institute for Advanced Study, having recruited to date more than 80 world class scholars to Texas A&M University; and

WHEREAS, he continues to lead and oversee the broad-based research and outreach endeavors for which Texas A&M University is renowned and which are of vital importance to the state, nation and world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Junkins continues to contribute to excellence at Texas A&M University as a member of the National Academy of Engineering, the National Academy of Inventors, the International Academy of Astronautics, and as an Honorary Fellow of the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA); and

WHEREAS, while serving as Interim President of Texas A&M University, Dr. Junkins provided wise leadership and effectively oversaw continued efforts to preserve the health, safety and wellbeing of students, faculty and staff during both the global pandemic of COVID-19 and an unprecedented winter storm February 10–18, 2021 providing emergency response leadership, including repurposing Reed Arena as a community warming shelter; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Junkins provided effective leadership for the January 2021 Board of Regents-approved investment in a four-year initiative to increase and enhance diversity of the student body

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at Texas A&M University and campus experience, including a progress report he delivered and provided publicly in May 2021 that demonstrated effective actions underway; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Junkins made great efforts to interact with Texas A&M University's student leaders, faculty senate and university staff council for inclusion in decisions; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Junkins' tenure as Interim President, the successful transition of university mascot occurred from Reveille IX to Reveille X; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Junkins has served as a prolific mentor for Ph.D. candidates, including 55 doctoral and more than 160 descendent Ph.D. graduates; and

WHEREAS, he participated in the presidential search that brought us the 26th president of Texas A&M University, Dr. M. Katherine Banks; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that, we, the members of The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, desire to express our appreciation to Dr. John L. Junkins for the outstanding leadership and service that he so effectively provided as Interim President of Texas A&M University; and, be it, further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be included in the minutes, and copies thereof, signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, filed with the Archives of Texas A&M University, and presented to Dr. John L. Junkins as a sincere expression of gratitude for his leadership and dedication while serving as Interim President of Texas A&M University, and throughout his distinguished career.

ADOPTED, this 7th day of June 2021."

Respectfully submitted,

John Sharp
Chancellor

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel