

Agenda Item No.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Office of the Chancellor

May 10, 2023

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

Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Honoring Dr. Emily F. Cutrer of Texas A&M University-Texarkana and Bestowing the Title of President Emerita

I respectfully request the Board of Regents' approval of the following resolution honoring Dr. Emily F. Cutrer for her 10 years of service as president of Texas A&M University-Texarkana.

“WHEREAS, Dr. Emily F. Cutrer received a bachelor’s degree from The University of Texas, Austin, Texas, her master’s degree from The University of Texas, Austin, Texas, and a doctoral degree from The University of Texas, Austin, Texas; and

WHEREAS, she began her higher education career in 1986 as a lecturer at the University of Texas at Austin in the Department of American Studies and then as an assistant professor, Department of American Studies and Art History, and as associate director, American Studies Program from 1986 to 1990; and

WHEREAS, in 1990 to 2002 she served Arizona State University West at Glendale, Arizona as an associate professor, Department of American Studies and then as professor, Department of Language, Cultures, and History (formerly American Studies) from 2002 to 2006, and as coordinator (later chair), American Studies Department from 1990 to 1994, interim director, College of Arts and Sciences from 1991 to 1992, interim chair, Interdisciplinary Arts and Performance Department from 1996 to 1997, interim director, Collaborative Programs from 1997 to 1998, interim dean, Arts and Sciences from 1998 to 1999, dean, Collaborative Programs from 1999 to 2001, interim dean, Student Affairs from 1999 to 2001, interim dean, College of Arts and Sciences from 2001 to 2002, dean, New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences (formerly College of Arts and Sciences) from 2002 to 2006; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 to 2013 she served California State University, San Marcos, California as provost and vice president for Academic Affairs; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, following a nationwide search, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System named her Texas A&M University-Texarkana’s fourth president; and

WHEREAS, at the beginning of her presidency, Dr. Cutrer diligently reviewed and thoughtfully developed the processes and framework required for successful downward expansion which led to Texas A&M University-Texarkana becoming a regional comprehensive university; and

WHEREAS, she worked with Academic Affairs and regional business leaders to develop programs to meet the needs of students and business/industry to raise the educational attainment level and economic development of the region; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, the first standalone doctoral degree was established at Texas A&M University-Texarkana; and

WHEREAS, during her 10 years as president, through her gift for building and nurturing relationships, Dr. Cutrer has grown the university’s scholarship endowment by more than \$2 million; and

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WHEREAS, through her leadership, the new campus grew with the construction of state-of-the art facilities including the Patterson Student Center and the Building for Academic and Student Services, and a new Business, Engineering, and Technology building slated for completion in 2026; and

WHEREAS, through her tireless advocacy for East Texas and Texas A&M University-Texarkana and vision in creating the Better East Texas initiative, Dr. Cutrer has secured over \$10 million in additional funds from the state to support high-need, high-demand programs in Nursing, Social Work, Mechanical Engineering, Physical Therapy, and a Center for Financial Literacy and Investment; and

WHEREAS, she has greatly enhanced the overall student experience at Texas A&M University-Texarkana through the establishment of athletics in the Red River Conference of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) beginning with women’s soccer in 2014 – growing the program to eleven teams of academic-driven student-athletes, many of whom have been awarded the prestigious Champions of Character award by the NAIA; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cutrer is well-known and beloved by Texas A&M University-Texarkana Eagles for her student-focused approach and genuine affinity and demonstration of support for each member of the Eagle Family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System desires to express its appreciation for the outstanding leadership shown by Dr. Emily F. Cutrer to Texas A&M University-Texarkana; and, be it, further

RESOLVED, that in honor of her service to The Texas A&M University System, we bestow the title of President Emerita of Texas A&M University-Texarkana, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto, upon Dr. Emily F. Cutrer; 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 of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to Dr. Emily F. Cutrer and to the Archives of Texas A&M University-Texarkana as a permanent mark of this Board’s appreciation and gratitude for a job well done.

ADOPTED, this 18th day of May, 2023.”

Respectfully submitted,

John Sharp
Chancellor

Approval Recommended:

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Billy Hamilton
Deputy Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel