

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 650

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Scott Hummel upon his inauguration as the 29<sup>th</sup> president of Tusculum University.

WHEREAS, we take great pride in paying special recognition to those citizens who have achieved significant milestones in their careers; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Scott Hummel is one such individual, who was officially inaugurated as the 29<sup>th</sup> president of Tusculum University on October 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Tusculum family since February 17, 2020, Dr. Scott Hummel previously served twelve years at his alma mater, William Carey University; and

WHEREAS, since his arrival, Dr. Hummel has established strong ties with local clergy and faith leaders; he was the presenter at the annual Theologian-In-Residence series this year, has laid plans to add a full-time chaplain to the university, and will lead a trip to the Holy Land in June; and

WHEREAS, during his short tenure, he has overseen the addition of multiple academic programs to Tusculum's offerings, restarted the Tusculum music program, and incorporated ongoing support for the institution's theater program as part of an ongoing fundraising campaign; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Scott Hummel earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from William Carey College and Master of Divinity and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, he attended the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hummel began his career in education as a high school teacher in Texas, where he taught for eight years before accepting a position at LeTourneau University as professor of biblical studies and department chair; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at LeTourneau University, he led numerous student study tours to several countries in Europe, South America, the Middle East, and the Far East; and

WHEREAS, an active part of his community, Dr. Hummel has served as interim pastor for fifteen churches and is a past president of both the Longview-Greggton and Hattiesburg Rotary Clubs; he is currently a member of the Greeneville Noon Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Scott Hummel enjoys the love and support of his wife of thirty-one years, Starr, and their three daughters, Lauren, Rachel, and Julia; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of Dr. Hummel as the president of Tusculum University heralds a positive change for the institution and marks the beginning of a new and exciting era in the school's history; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that we formally recognize this outstanding educator and administrator for his unparalleled leadership ability and his fervent commitment to the highest tenets of education; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Dr. Scott Hummel on his inauguration as the 29<sup>th</sup> president of Tusculum University and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.