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Senate Resolution 23.05

(Stating the sentiments of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Student Senate congratulating Thomas Thekkumkara, Ph.D., on retirement following 14 years of service to the institution.)

WHEREAS, Dr. Thekkumkara has demonstrated years of dedication at TTUHSC, currently serving in administration and 14 years of teaching in cellular biology underlying the physiological and pathophysiological processes; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Thekkumkara has received numerous awards, including Citation Laureate Award by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (2015), Thematic Best Presentation Award by American Society for Biochemistry & Molecular Biology (2010), University Distinguished Professor by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (2015), and Mentor, Pre-doctoral Travel Award by American Physiology Society (2015); and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Thekkumkara was the recipient of the TTUHSC President's Research Achievement Award, TTU Chancellor's Council Distinguished Research Award, and three time recipient of the School of Pharmacy Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy teaching team of the Year Award; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Thekkumkara was recognized for his significant contributions to the development and innovation of the School of Pharmacy by being awarded the Distinguished Faculty Award in (2003); and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Thekkumkara serves as the Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs (2018-2022) and Admissions at the School of Pharmacy; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Thekkumkara served as a Full Professor in Amarillo (2009-Present) and currently serves as a Full Professor in Dallas; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Thekkumkara served as the Chairperson in Biomedical sciences in Amarillo; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Thekkumkara played a critical role in research, showing interest in molecular mechanisms of activation of G-protein coupled receptors such as angiotensin II and its pivotal regulation of blood pressure and electrolyte balance; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Thekkumkara continues to demonstrate his passion for teaching, mentorship, and innovation, which has provided TTUHSC with meaningful strides in education for its students; and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Senate of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center congratulate Dr. Thekkumkara on retirement following 14 years of service to the institution; and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the Journal and that copies be sent to **Lori Rice-Spearman, Ph.D.**, President of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; **Darrin D'Agostino, D.O., MPH, MBA**, Provost and Chief Academic Officer; **Thomas Thekkumkara Ph.D.**, Regional Dean for the Amarillo campus; **Grace Kuo, PharmD, MPH, PhD, FCCP, FNAP.**, School of Pharmacy Dean; **Arianna Flores**, Editor-in-Chief of *The Daily Toreador*, and to the students of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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