

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 477

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Dr. Matthew O. Richardson, Advancement Vice President at Brigham Young University.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly recognize those venerable religious, community, and academic leaders who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, enrich the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Dr. Matthew O. Richardson, current Advancement Vice President at Brigham Young University (BYU), a man of faith who has served the university for many years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his general administrative duties at BYU, Dr. Richardson oversees university athletics, broadcasting, communications, alumni, external relations—which includes publications and graphics, university relations, special events, licensing, and Aspen Grove—and philanthropies; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Matthew Richardson has long served in a leadership role with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; prior to his current position as Advancement Vice President at BYU, he served as the second counselor in the Sunday School General Presidency of the Church and as a professor of church history and doctrine at BYU; and

WHEREAS, devoted to service in a variety of capacities, Dr. Richardson has served in various callings and assignments for the Church and is currently serving as a Stake President; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Matthew Richardson first came to BYU after serving a full-time mission for his church in Copenhagen, Denmark; once at the university, he completed his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees; and

WHEREAS, it was also while at BYU that Dr. Richardson met his wife, Lisa; they are now the loving parents of four children and the devoted grandparents of six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Matthew Richardson has provided inspirational leadership, having answered the divine call to the ministry to serve with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend Dr. Matthew O. Richardson, Advancement Vice President at Brigham Young University, for his many years of dedicated service, extending our best wishes to him for continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.