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Galveston College Board of Regents, Attention: Mrs. Karen Flowers, Chair Galveston College 4015 Avenue Q Galveston, TX 77550

Dear Chair Flowers and Members of the Galveston College Board of Regents:

After much thought and reflection, I write to you today to formally announce my retirement as President of Galveston College, effective on August 31, 2026, or on a mutually agreed upon date following August 31, 2026.

My retirement in August of next year will mark the conclusion of what has been a deeply fulfilling career in Texas community colleges and in Texas higher education that will have spanned five decades, including over 25 years in presidential leadership. Serving as President of Galveston College since July 1, 2007, has been one of the greatest honors of my professional career.

I am extremely-proud of the progress we (the Board, the faculty, and staff) have made together. Together, we have advanced the goals of student success. We have strengthened our academic programs. We have strengthened existing work force programs. We have developed and implemented new workforce programs. We have developed and implemented three new bachelor's degree programs. And, we have worked to grow and enhance the financial resources of the College, to enhance the technology capabilities and infrastructure of the College, and the facilities of the College, including but not limited to the development of the Applied Technology Center and the new Health Science Education Center. Each of these statements represents things we did together that I am extremely proud of, but what I am really proud of is that we did these things together to help our students succeed. And we not only did these things because of our continuing commitment to student success, but also because of our commitment to teaching and learning, and meeting the needs of our community by providing high-quality educational programs and services.

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Throughout my tenure, I have been continually inspired by the dedication of our College Board, our faculty, staff, and students. Yours and their passion and perseverance have made this institution an institution of opportunity and excellence and a beacon of light for others. I am confident that Galveston College is well-positioned for continued success and growth in the years ahead.

As we look forward to the 2025-2026 academic year, I want you to know that there are a number of important projects and goals that we need to work toward together this year and that I look forward to continuing to work with each of you to see that these goals are achieved and that we have a great 2025-2026 school year. Further, in addition to my commitment to the College, I want you to know that I am committed to a smooth transition and that I will work with the Board in the months ahead to ensure continuity and stability. Thank you for your trust, your support, and our partnership over the years. I will always carry the memories and relationships formed here with me.

With gratitude and appreciation, Sincerely

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