



## RESOLUTION

### WHEREAS THE HONORABLE ILESA DANIELS

The Honorable Ilesa Daniels was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Employees Retirement System in September 2015, becoming the first African American to serve on the ERS board since it was created in 1947, and

### WHEREAS,

Ilesa Daniels was selected by the Board of Trustees to serve as its Chair for Fiscal Year 2020, where she was distinguished as the first chair to preside over virtual meetings of the board in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic, and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2019; and

### WHEREAS,

as an ERS Trustee, Ilesa Daniels was responsible for overseeing the administration of retirement assets and benefits for more than 250,000 state employees, retirees and beneficiaries, including oversight of a multi-billion Trust, and the health and life benefits of more than 530,000 state and higher education employees, retirees and dependents; and

### WHEREAS,

Ilesa Daniels' many years of state employment provided valuable insight for policy decisions to the Board and ERS staff during three regular sessions of the Texas Legislature; and

### WHEREAS,

During her service on the Board, ERS tackled many challenges and decisions including adopting actuarial valuations, assumptions and asset allocation, adopting the Board's first ever Pension Funding Priorities and Guidelines, creating the State of Texas Vision insurance and Consumer Directed HealthSelect<sup>SM</sup> Programs, awarding cost-saving administrator contracts for health care and prescription drug benefit programs, as well as tackling physical space and growth challenges by voting to develop part of the ERS campus into a multiuse building; and

### WHEREAS,

After six years of service as an honorable member of the ERS Board of Trustees, Ilesa Daniels ends her Board of Trustee service on August 31, 2021.

### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

that the Trustees, staff and members of the Employees Retirement System of Texas hereby express their highest respect and sincerest appreciation to the Honorable Ilesa Daniels for her selfless commitment to the System by honoring and recognizing her with this Resolution as a lasting token of her noble public service.

ADOPTED THIS DAY, THE 25TH OF AUGUST 2021

**Board of Trustees  
Employees Retirement System of Texas**

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I. Craig Hester, Chair

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Catherine Melvin, Vice-Chair

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