

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General (Ret.) Jay B. Silveria serves as Associate Vice President and Executive Director of Texas A&M University and the Bush School of Government and Public Service in Washington, DC., and is the former Superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO.; and

WHEREAS, General Silveria previously served as Deputy Commander, Combined Air Force Component, U.S. Central Command, Southwest Asia, where he was responsible for the command and control of air operations in a 20-nation area and where key operations Resolute Support in Afghanistan and Inherent Resolve in Iraq and Syria were executed under his command; and

WHEREAS, General Silveria previously served as Commander, U.S. Air Force Warfare Center, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, and Vice Commander, 14th Air Force Space Command at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, as well as Director, Security Assistance in the Office of Security Cooperation-Baghdad, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, a command pilot with more than 3,900 flight hours in the F-15 and F-35, General Silveria commanded a Fighter Wing, an Air Operation Center, and a Fighter Squadron, earning the Distinguished Service Medal and a Bronze Star, among other Air Medals during his career; and

WHEREAS, General Silveria earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Air Force Academy and a Master of Social Science degree from Syracuse University, attended the National War College at Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington DC., and was a senior executive fellow at Harvard University where he also attended the Harvard Seminar for New Presidents at the Harvard Graduate School of Education; and

WHEREAS, General Silveria is a candidate for the presidency of the University of Arkansas System, following the pending retirement of President Donald R. Bobbitt; and

WHEREAS, during a deliberate and thorough national search process, General Silveria impressed the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas with his extensive resume, including numerous previous leadership positions, as well as his exceptional leadership skills, sound judgment and steady temperament; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes General Silveria to be the best candidate to lead the UA System and its 20 campuses, divisions, and units during a time in which public colleges and universities face evolving technological, cultural and financial realities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS THAT the Board hereby approves the appointment of Lieutenant General (Ret.) Jay B. Silveria as the next President of the University of Arkansas System, effective January 15, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT said appointment is contingent upon the successful negotiation of the terms and conditions of an employment agreement to be entered into with General Silveria.