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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Twenty-nine Texas A&M University students are
2 providing valuable support to the 87th Texas Legislature while
3 gaining experience in public service as members of the Agricultural
4 and Natural Resources Policy Internship Program and the Public
5 Policy Internship Program; and

6 WHEREAS, For three decades, the Agricultural and Natural
7 Resources Policy Internship Program has sent student interns to
8 Austin and Washington, D.C., where they work on a wide array of
9 issues; their strong background and interest in agriculture and
10 natural resources allow them to offer specialized knowledge to
11 legislators; the program was founded in response to a request by a
12 member of the United States Congress for an intern who could assist
13 his office with these matters, and it has since grown to include
14 numerous congressional offices as well as the United States House
15 of Representatives Committee on Agriculture, the United States
16 Department of Agriculture, and offices on the state level during
17 legislative years; approximately 1,000 students have participated
18 in semester-long internships; and

19 WHEREAS, The Public Policy Internship Program, established
20 in 1999, works with various colleges and departments to create an
21 interdisciplinary environment for comprehensive academic training,
22 research, and policy programming; interns in the nation's capital
23 and in Austin serve in a variety of settings that align with their
24 academic and professional goals; some 1,000 students have

1 participated in semester-long internships; and

2 WHEREAS, Led by director Stephanie Webb, both internship
3 programs select their highly qualified and dedicated participants
4 through a rigorous application process; in addition to academic
5 achievement, students must demonstrate their potential to take full
6 advantage of the opportunities for scholarly and professional
7 development as well as the desire to serve our state and nation; and

8 WHEREAS, The 2021 Texas A&M University policy interns serving
9 in Austin are Edwin "Dru" Barkis, Alexis Casiano, Elizabeth Crisp,
10 Sterling Crowdus, Alicia Dixon, Skyllar Duncan, Richard "Eric"
11 Ewing, Patrick "Henry" Featherston, Natalie Flanagan, Kyrie
12 Garlic, Tatum Hausman, Abigail Jablon, Emily Jacobs, Ryan Jones,
13 Brittany Keller, Eleanor Korth, Mihir Kulkarni, Hanna Lisenbe,
14 Christopher Livaudais, Gabriella Mata, Shruthi Murali, Kyler
15 Murphy, Brittany Reed, Elizabeth Schneider, Whitney Sloan, Grace
16 Swift, Victoria Torres, Nekaybaw Watson, and Mariam Zaidi; and

17 WHEREAS, Through the years, the Agricultural and Natural
18 Resources Policy and Public Policy Internship Programs have helped
19 exceptional students deepen their understanding of governmental
20 operations while developing professional skills and networks, and
21 alumni have gone on to make vital contributions and assume
22 leadership roles in a variety of arenas; the outstanding young
23 people who are giving of their time and talents throughout this
24 legislative session can indeed take pride in their achievements and
25 their service to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
27 Legislature hereby recognize the Texas A&M University Agricultural

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1 and Natural Resources Policy Internship Program and the Public
2 Policy Internship Program and commend the current participants for
3 their diligence and commitment; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the students as an expression of high regard from the
6 Texas House of Representatives.