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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Colonel Jay O. Brewer, the beloved "voice" of the
2 Fightin' Texas Aggie Band, retired after 40 years of service as the
3 band's senior associate director and announcer on April 30, 2021;
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5 WHEREAS, A native of Channelview, Jay Brewer enrolled at
6 Texas A&M University and joined the Aggie Band as a trombone player
7 in 1977; he went on to earn a bachelor's degree in mechanized
8 agriculture, and on his graduation day in 1981, he was contacted by
9 Aggie Band director Joe T. Haney and asked to join his staff;
10 Colonel Brewer later continued his studies at Sam Houston State
11 University before obtaining his master's degree in music education
12 at VanderCook College of Music in Chicago, Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, As the band's senior associate director, Colonel
14 Brewer charted drills, taught music, counseled band cadets, and
15 oversaw the maintenance of instruments; his most memorable role,
16 however, was announcing the band during all halftime drills, when
17 he delivered the iconic words, "Now forming at the north end of Kyle
18 Field, the nationally famous Fightin' Texas Aggie Band"; over the
19 course of his career, he served as a mentor to numerous young men
20 and women and made a profound difference in many lives; and

21 WHEREAS, Colonel Brewer was recognized with the 2002
22 President's Meritorious Service Award and with the 2006 John J.
23 Koldus III Faculty and Staff Achievement Award; in 2017, he retired
24 from the Texas State Guard, where Aggie Band directors serve, and

1 was given honorary reserve status; he finished out his final season
2 as the Aggie Band announcer in the fall of 2020; and

3 WHEREAS, While it is difficult to imagine the halftime
4 performances of the Aggie Band without Jay Brewer, he played an
5 immeasurable role in furthering the organization's tradition of
6 excellence, and his contributions will continue to resonate in the
7 years to come; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Colonel Jay O. Brewer on the
10 occasion of his retirement as senior associate director and
11 announcer for the Aggie Band at Texas A&M University and extend to
12 him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Colonel Brewer as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.