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H.R. No. 19

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Andy Schwartz is retiring as state veterinarian
2 and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission in
3 January 2024, drawing to a close an exceptional career with the
4 agency spanning nearly three and a half decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Andy Schwartz grew up on his family's farm in
6 Priddy; he graduated from Tarleton State University with an animal
7 agriculture degree, and he earned his doctor of veterinary medicine
8 degree at the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine and
9 Biomedical Sciences; and

10 WHEREAS, Early in his career, Dr. Schwartz gained valuable
11 experience through his work at a mixed animal practice; in May 1990,
12 he embarked on his tenure with TAHC as a field veterinarian, and he
13 subsequently was promoted to the titles of region director, state
14 epidemiologist, and assistant executive director; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2016, Dr. Schwartz was named state veterinarian
16 and executive director of TAHC; nationally recognized among
17 regulatory veterinarians and policy makers, he has helped lead the
18 effort to control such animal diseases as bovine and swine
19 brucellosis and pseudorabies in commercial swine while playing a
20 key role in the development and execution of response plans for a
21 number of foreign animal diseases; under his direction, Texas has
22 remained involved with the Scrapie Eradication and the Chronic
23 Wasting Disease Management Programs, and he has guided multilevel
24 responses to disease outbreaks; moreover, he helps direct the Texas

1 Trichomoniasis Program, which improves the health and
2 marketability of cattle; and

3 WHEREAS, Retirement will afford Dr. Schwartz the opportunity
4 to spend more time with his family, which includes his wife, Kathy,
5 and his children and grandchildren; he also helps his mother care
6 for her sheep and cattle on the family farm; and

7 WHEREAS, A longtime leader in his field, Dr. Andy Schwartz
8 has distinguished himself through his exemplary efforts in behalf
9 of TAHC and the animal health and agriculture industries, and he may
10 indeed reflect with pride on a job well done; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
12 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Andy
13 Schwartz on his retirement as state veterinarian and executive
14 director of the Texas Animal Health Commission and extend to him
15 sincere appreciation for his many years of outstanding service;
16 and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Dr. Schwartz as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.