

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Fifty students from several member institutions of  
2 the Texas A&M University System are providing valuable support to  
3 the 88th Texas Legislature while gaining experience in public  
4 service as members of the Agricultural and Natural Resources Policy  
5 Internship Program, the Public Policy Internship Program, the Bush  
6 School of Government & Public Service Capstone Scholars Program,  
7 the School of Law Residency Externship Program in Public Policy,  
8 and the Tarleton State University internship program; and

9           WHEREAS, For over three decades, the Agricultural and Natural  
10 Resources Policy Internship Program has sent students from the  
11 Texas A&M University College of Agriculture & Life Sciences to  
12 Austin, Washington, D.C., and abroad to work on a wide array of  
13 issues; their strong background and interest in agriculture and  
14 natural resources allow them to offer specialized knowledge to  
15 offices; over 1,000 students have participated in this program to  
16 date; the current ANRP interns are Victoria Benavides, Cameron  
17 Castillo, Sarah Denison, Bailey Halbert, William Howe, and Cason  
18 Moorman; and

19           WHEREAS, The Texas A&M University Public Policy Internship  
20 Program, established in 1999, invites students across all Texas A&M  
21 University degree programs to create an interdisciplinary  
22 environment for comprehensive academic training, research, and  
23 policy programming; interns in the nation's capital, in Austin, and  
24 abroad serve in a variety of settings that align with their

1 professional goals; some 1,000 students have participated in this  
2 program to date; the current PPIP interns are Blake Albright,  
3 Crystal Amoles, Peter Barnett, Graeson Chadwell, Lillian Dacke,  
4 Sumanpreet Dosanjh, Erica Emig, Clark Garcia, Ariana Garlic,  
5 Shannon Gray, Marla Guerra, Lillian Hale, Jason Haug, Chrissa  
6 Jacobson, Aseer Karowadia, Magdalyn Klynsma, Christopher  
7 Livaudais, Michelle Mares, Tasha Martin, Brayden Moore, Julia  
8 Patterson, Abigail Powell, Jacob Pratt, Carson Prejean, Varun  
9 Singh, Cassidy Smith, and Grant Socol; and

10 WHEREAS, Since the 82nd Session, the Bush School of  
11 Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University has sent a  
12 select group of graduate students, known as Capstone Scholars, to  
13 work in the legislature; these students, most of whom intend to work  
14 in government positions when they graduate, bring knowledge,  
15 skills, and motivation to their respective offices; their  
16 legislative experiences add greatly to their professional  
17 development and benefit the state of Texas in myriad ways; the  
18 current Bush School Capstone interns are Tal Carson, Sydney De  
19 Vault-Garvey, Israel Eisenbeiss, Willie Gonzales, Ryan Heare,  
20 Taitelyn Morris, Aditya Prasetyo, Debbra Willis, and Abdulatif  
21 Zaki; and

22 WHEREAS, The Texas A&M School of Law Residency Externship  
23 Program in Public Policy, first offered in 2016, brings law  
24 students to Washington, D.C., and Austin to serve in a variety of  
25 legislative, executive, and advocacy settings that align with their  
26 professional goals; students are selected for their academic  
27 achievement, demonstrated interest in public service, and

1 completion of studies specific to legislation, regulation, and  
2 substantive policy law; this preparation allows them to offer  
3 advanced skills and knowledge to the policymakers and advocates  
4 with whom they work; current Texas A&M Law Students are Michael  
5 Chavarria, Meagan Corser, and McKenna Martinez; and

6 WHEREAS, Since 2010, Tarleton State University has sent  
7 numerous interns to Austin and Washington, D.C., where they work on  
8 an array of issues; their strong background and interest in public  
9 policy, history, education, criminal justice, health care, and  
10 agriculture, among other topics, equip them to offer specialized  
11 knowledge to legislators; current Tarleton interns are Desirae  
12 Garcia, Emilie Gaucin-Rodarte, Walker Kirk, Olivia Lasater, and  
13 Kiara Owen; and

14 WHEREAS, Through the years, these programs have helped  
15 exceptional students deepen their understanding of legislative  
16 processes and general government functionality while developing  
17 important professional skills and critical peer networks, and past  
18 program participants have gone on to make vital contributions and  
19 assume leadership roles in a variety of arenas; the outstanding  
20 young people who are giving of their time and talents, with the  
21 utmost integrity, throughout this legislative session can indeed  
22 take pride in their achievements and selfless service to the Lone  
23 Star State; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas  
25 hereby recognize the 2023 Texas A&M University System policy  
26 interns and commend the current participants for their diligence  
27 and commitment to excellence; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for the students as an expression of high regard by the  
3 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 98 was adopted by the House on April 14, 2023, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 98 was adopted by the Senate on April 17, 2023, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor