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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Jeff Ripley is retiring as associate director
2 for county operations at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
3 on August 31, 2023, concluding an exemplary tenure with the agency
4 that has spanned nearly three and a half decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Ripley began his career with the Texas A&M
6 AgriLife Extension Service in 1989, when he accepted a position as
7 assistant county extension agent for agriculture in Seguin; over
8 the following years, he served as a county extension agent for
9 Williamson, Palo Pinto, and Tom Green Counties, and in 2000, he
10 became the Travis County extension director; he subsequently served
11 a brief tenure as the district extension administrator for Coastal
12 Bend District 11 before becoming an assistant professor and
13 extension specialist for organizational development; and

14 WHEREAS, On December 1, 2014, Dr. Ripley took on his current
15 role as the associate director for county operations; his many
16 responsibilities have included leading all 12 district extension
17 administrators across the state, overseeing the recruitment,
18 hiring, and supervision of county staff, and serving as the
19 administrative liaison for commissioners courts; along the way, he
20 has given hundreds of speeches, training presentations, and
21 lectures, and he has authored numerous publications; in addition,
22 he has been involved in many professional and civic initiatives,
23 organizations, and committees; and

24 WHEREAS, Among his many achievements, Dr. Ripley received

1 the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Superior Service Awards
2 for the specialist and evaluation team categories in 2014, and he
3 has been named an honorary lifetime director by the Texas Junior
4 Livestock Association; he holds a bachelor's degree in agribusiness
5 from Tarleton State University, a master's degree in agricultural
6 education from Southwest Texas State University, and a doctoral
7 degree in agricultural education from Texas A&M University; and

8 WHEREAS, Through his dedication, expertise, and commitment
9 to excellence, Jeff Ripley has greatly benefited his fellow Texans
10 and earned the lasting respect and admiration of his colleagues,
11 and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as he
12 embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be
13 it

14 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
15 hereby congratulate Dr. Jeff P. Ripley on his retirement as
16 associate director for county operations at the Texas A&M AgriLife
17 Extension Service and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
18 future; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Dr. Ripley as an expression of high regard by the Texas
21 House of Representatives and Senate.