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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ellen Forsythe is retiring as director of education
2 and meetings for the Texas Veterinary Medical Association in 2023,
3 drawing to a close a noteworthy career spanning 37 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Initially hired as a receptionist, Ms. Forsythe was
5 asked to plan the association's annual conference; she proved
6 highly skillful, and under her leadership, the conference grew to
7 attract more than 4,000 attendees and included a trade show with
8 over 200 booths; in 2003, the year she became a Certified Meeting
9 Professional, TVMA joined forces with its counterparts in Oklahoma,
10 Arkansas, Louisiana, and New Mexico to launch the Southwest
11 Veterinary Symposium; TVMA continues to host an annual conference
12 with more than 350 veterinarians and nearly as many veterinary
13 students, licensed veterinary technicians, certified veterinary
14 assistants, and others; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Forsythe's many responsibilities in advance of
16 conferences have ranged from site selection, contract negotiation,
17 and sponsorship recruitment to marketing, booth sales, and on-site
18 management; widely known in the meeting-planning industry, she
19 serves on the board of the Meeting Professionals International
20 Texas Hill Country Chapter; she has received many accolades from
21 the group, among them the President's Award and two Volunteer of the
22 Year Awards; and

23 WHEREAS, During her long tenure with TVMA, Ms. Forsythe has
24 worked closely with the continuing education and conference

1 committee to provide hundreds of hours of continuing education for
2 veterinarians; she has also served as support staff for the ethics
3 and grievance committee, which has relied on her patience and
4 compassion in fielding calls from distressed pet owners; and

5 WHEREAS, Ellen Forsythe has greatly benefited TVMA through
6 her professionalism and commitment to excellence, and as she
7 embarks on the next exciting chapter of her life, she may indeed
8 reflect with pride on her accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Ellen Forsythe on her retirement
11 from the Texas Veterinary Medical Association and extend to her
12 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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