

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. David Creech of Stephen F. Austin State
2 University received well-deserved recognition when he was
3 presented with the 2022 Outstanding International Horticulturist
4 Award from the American Society for Horticultural Science; and

5 WHEREAS, Each year, the society honors an individual who has
6 made an outstanding contribution to international horticultural
7 science, education, research, or outreach for a period of 10 years
8 or more; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Creech is professor emeritus of agriculture and
10 director of SFA Gardens at Stephen F. Austin State University; for
11 more than four decades, he has conducted international research,
12 exploring such areas as kiwifruit commercialization in South
13 Africa, Italy, and New Zealand, blueberry production and urban tree
14 research in China, and fruit and vegetable production in Guatemala
15 and Pakistan; he is the recipient of numerous honors, including the
16 Charles Leonard Weddle Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement from
17 the Native Plant Society of Texas, the Sidney B. Meadows Award for
18 Distinguished Achievement from the Southern Region of the
19 International Plant Propagators' Society, and the Honorary
20 Lifetime Membership Award from the Texas Nursery and Landscape
21 Association; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Creech first joined SFA as an assistant
23 professor of horticulture in 1978; in addition to his other
24 responsibilities, he has played an instrumental role in the

1 development of the four facilities that make up SFA Gardens:
2 Pineywoods Native Plant Center, the Mast Arboretum, the Ruby M. and
3 Gayla Mize Azalea Gardens, and Jimmy Hinds Park; and

4 WHEREAS, With his expertise, professionalism, and commitment
5 to education, David Creech has earned the lasting respect and
6 admiration of his colleagues, and he is indeed deserving of this
7 prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. David Creech on receiving the
10 2022 Outstanding International Horticulturist Award from the
11 American Society for Horticultural Science and extend to him
12 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 658

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 658 was adopted by the House on March 30, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House