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H.R. No. 658

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.