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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.