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H.R. No. 1350

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On May 31, 2003, Dr. A. Michael Powell is retiring as  
2 a professor of biology at Sul Ross State University, where he has  
3 taught for more than 40 years; and

4           WHEREAS, Joining the university as an assistant professor of  
5 biology in 1963, Dr. Powell has served with distinction as  
6 department chairman, supervisor of greenhouse operations,  
7 supervisor of demonstration gardens, and curator of the Sul Ross  
8 Herbarium, in which position he will remain after his retirement  
9 from teaching; he has also developed more than 20 different courses  
10 and has more than 100 publications, including six books; and

11           WHEREAS, Dr. Powell, an active member of numerous  
12 professional organizations, may claim the notable achievement of  
13 having created the concept behind the Chihuahuan Desert Research  
14 Institute (CDRI); he helped to found the CDRI, served as the first  
15 president of the board of directors, and currently sits on the board  
16 of directors, board of scientists, and executive committee; and

17           WHEREAS, A prominent figure in his field, Dr. Powell has  
18 received numerous recognitions, including two Donovan Stewart  
19 Correll Awards; the recipient of eight consecutive National Science  
20 Foundation research grants, he has served on the foundation's panel  
21 in Washington, D.C., and has worked for the Department of Biology  
22 initiating and supervising his native plant propagation program and  
23 demonstration garden; and

24           WHEREAS, This esteemed professor, who missed only one class

1 due to illness in his four decades of teaching, is an exemplary  
2 educator and expert biologist who has positively influenced the  
3 lives of countless young people by whetting their curiosity and  
4 encouraging their desire to learn, and his noteworthy tenure of  
5 service indeed merits special recognition; now, therefore, be it

6         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Professor A. Michael Powell on his  
8 retirement from teaching at Sul Ross State University and extend to  
9 him best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for Dr. Powell as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
12 House of Representatives.