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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On August 31, 2005, Dr. Tramel Rex Wilson of Alpine retired from Sul Ross State University after 29 years as assistant professor of music and director of some of the most memorable choral shows in the region; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in San Angelo, this esteemed Texan earned a bachelor's degree in music from Hardin-Simmons University in 1962, a master's degree in music education from the University of Colorado in 1964, and a doctoral degree from the University of North Texas in 1975; he gained experience as a choir director at junior highs in San Angelo and Lubbock and at a high school in Denton before he was hired at Sul Ross in 1976; and

WHEREAS, In addition to teaching voice and choral music classes, Dr. Wilson taught country dancing in the physical education department for more than 14 years and numerous curriculum and instruction courses in the education department; as director of the university choir, he garnered strong community support for the performances, in which he was known for his animated directing style; in 1991, students and faculty members awarded him Sul Ross' Outstanding Teaching Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wilson has also shared his talents with the Alpine community, singing and playing piano for churches and organizations and conducting the Big Bend Chamber Orchestra in the early 1980s; he is a member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing and the National Association of Middle Schools; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Wilson has positively influenced countless students during his nearly three decades of teaching and directing music, and as he enjoys the next chapter of his life, he may reflect with great pride on his notable achievements; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. T. Rex Wilson on his retirement as assistant professor of music at Sul Ross State University and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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