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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Alfred N. Poindexter of Houston retired as a  
2 professor of veterinary medicine at Prairie View A&M University in  
3 August 2004 after 59 years of service; and

4 WHEREAS, Before his retirement, Dr. Poindexter was the oldest  
5 practicing African American veterinarian in the country;  
6 considered a "vet's vet" by his peers, he was also one of the first  
7 African American members of the Texas Veterinary Medical  
8 Association; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1992, the Texas commissioner of agriculture named  
10 Dr. Poindexter one of four Outstanding Black Agriculturalists in  
11 the state; he also received the 50-Year Award for Outstanding  
12 Service from Prairie View A&M University and the American  
13 Veterinarian Medical Association's Gold Card Membership, and in  
14 1996, he was inducted into the Texas Heritage Hall of Honor; and

15 WHEREAS, During his tenure at the university, this esteemed  
16 academic taught classes in anatomy and physiology, diseases and  
17 sanitation, animal health, and animal breeding and reproductive  
18 physiology; he also provided leadership to the University  
19 Veterinary Clinic and professional services to the community at  
20 large; and

21 WHEREAS, In recognition of his achievements and his  
22 contributions to his students and the school, the Alfred N.  
23 Poindexter Scholarship Fund is being established at Prairie View  
24 A&M University and a reception and banquet are being held in his

1 honor in Houston on March 19, 2005; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Alfred N. Poindexter is truly a living legend in  
3 South Texas veterinary medicine; his accomplishments are an  
4 inspiration to generations of students who have benefited from his  
5 breadth of knowledge and commitment to education; now, therefore,  
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Alfred N. Poindexter on his  
9 distinguished career at Prairie View A&M University and extend to  
10 him sincere best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement; and,  
11 be it further

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