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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In recognition of his exemplary record of service to
2 Texas A&M University--Kingsville, Dr. Steven Lukefahr has been
3 named a Texas A&M University System Regents Professor, the highest
4 honor accorded faculty members by the system; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Lukefahr is one of the world's leading experts
6 on rabbits, particularly as a food source for malnourished citizens
7 in third-world countries; in conducting his internationally
8 recognized research, he has worked in more than 20 developing
9 countries, helping to establish meat rabbit projects and alleviate
10 hunger and poverty by using his own small-scale rabbit production
11 model; and

12 WHEREAS, This notable scientist and humanitarian has been a
13 professor in the department of animal and wildlife sciences at
14 Texas A&M University--Kingsville since 1994; one of the school's
15 most popular professors, he has inspired many of his students to
16 pursue careers as veterinarians, professors, and Peace Corps
17 volunteers; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Lukefahr is a graduate of Texas A&I University
19 and Oregon State University, where he earned both master's and
20 doctoral degrees, and he began his international work with Heifer
21 International, establishing meat rabbit projects in Cameroon, West
22 Africa; on his return to the United States, he accepted a position
23 at Alabama A&M University and founded the International Small
24 Livestock Research Center, served as a consultant in a host of

1 overseas rabbit projects, and helped organize international rabbit
2 conferences and coordinate research projects and student training
3 programs; and

4 WHEREAS, Currently the president of the World Rabbit Science
5 Association, Dr. Lukefahr is also a member of the American Society
6 of Animal Science, the European Association for Animal Production,
7 and the Professional Rabbit Meat Association, and he is the author
8 of two books, three manuals, and more than 100 papers published in
9 national and international journals; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to this most recent honor, Dr. Lukefahr
11 has received the International Animal Agricultural Bouffalt Award
12 from the American Society of Animal Science, as well as the Javelina
13 Alumni Association's Distinguished Researcher Award; and

14 WHEREAS, Steven Lukefahr is an inspiration to all who are
15 privileged to know him, and his important work, both in and outside
16 the classroom, is having a profound impact on the global community;
17 now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Steven Lukefahr on being named
20 a Regents Professor at Texas A&M University--Kingsville and extend
21 to him sincere best wishes for continued success with his important
22 work; and, be it further

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