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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas A&M University College of 2 Agriculture Development Council are gathering in Austin to attend 3 the semiannual meeting of the council on March 20-22, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1981 with the purpose of supporting and 4 5 advising the College of Agriculture and Life Science, the COADC 6 later broadened its focus to include resource development, and by the mid-1980s, it had established numerous endowed scholarships and 7 chairs and funded several professorships and fellowships; 8 traditionally, the COADC has also played a role in facilitating the 9 relationship between the university and 10 the agricultural 11 community, and it was instrumental in the creation of a new Animal 12 Science Teaching, Research and Extension Center, which opened in the 1990s; and 13

14 WHEREAS, Today, the COADC works to promote Texas A&M as the world's premier agriculture institution through coordinated 15 efforts in the areas of gifts, student services, staff advisory, 16 research and outreach service, membership, and public policy; 17 18 council members can be especially proud of their record of funding, which includes support for student organizations, as well as events 19 and programs such as the Texas Agricultural and Natural Resource 20 21 Summit Initiative and the Agricultural and Natural Resource Policy 22 Congressional Intern Program; moreover, the COADC has helped generate more than \$2.2 million for student scholarships and 23 24 endowments; and

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1 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, the COADC has contributed 2 greatly to the success and growth of the College of Agriculture and 3 Life Science at Texas A&M University, and its outstanding efforts 4 truly merit special recognition; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 6 Legislature hereby honor the College of Agriculture Development 7 Council on the occasion of its semiannual meeting and welcome its 8 members to the city of Austin and the State Capitol.