

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Since the early 20th century, extension service
2 agents have helped to improve the lives of countless Texans and
3 contributed immeasurably to the development of the Lone Star State;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Extension work in Texas dates back to 1903, when Dr.
6 Seaman A. Knapp, a U.S. Department of Agriculture special agent for
7 the promotion of agriculture in the South, conducted a
8 demonstration project at the Walter C. Porter farm in Kaufman
9 County; the success of the project quickly led to the launching of
10 myriad other demonstration farms, as well as to the establishment
11 of the first program in the country whereby an agricultural agent
12 would serve a single county; that program was initiated with the
13 hiring of William C. Stallings in Smith County in 1906; and

14 WHEREAS, To encourage an interest in improved agricultural
15 and domestic science techniques, boys' and girls' clubs, the
16 forerunners of 4-H, were also established; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1914 the U.S. Congress passed the Smith-Lever
18 Act, a measure requiring each state to set up a cooperative
19 extension service that would be funded jointly by federal, state,
20 and local governments; based at the land-grant universities, these
21 outreach programs were intended to foster agricultural development
22 and improve the lives of rural Americans by providing practical
23 information and training based on university research; and

24 WHEREAS, Texas, which by that time had a burgeoning extension

1 program, created extension services at Texas A&M University and at
2 Prairie View A&M University; now known respectively as Texas
3 Cooperative Extension and the Cooperative Extension Program, these
4 services are both administered under the auspices of The Texas A&M
5 University System; and

6 WHEREAS, Today, county extension agents and extension
7 specialists develop a wide array of educational and technology
8 training programs in response to the needs of their local
9 communities, both rural and urban, in all 254 counties of the state;
10 program areas include agriculture and natural resources, 4-H and
11 youth development, family and consumer sciences, and community
12 resources and economic development; and

13 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to the historic mission of
14 cooperative extension, staff members of the Texas extension system
15 continue to promote lifelong learning for the purposes of
16 self-improvement, individual action, and community
17 problem-solving, and they are indeed deserving of commendation for
18 their outstanding public service; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
20 Legislature hereby honor the personnel of Texas Cooperative
21 Extension and the Prairie View A&M Cooperative Extension Program
22 for their substantial contributions to enhancing individual
23 quality of life, strengthening local communities, and furthering
24 the economic prosperity of this state.

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Allen	Geren	Miller
Alonzo	Giddings	Moreno
Anchia	Gonzales	Morrison
Anderson	Gonzalez Toureilles	Mowery
Aycock	Goolsby	Murphy
Bailey	Guillen	Naishtat
Berman	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	O'Day
Bolton	Hancock	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hardcastle	Olivo
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Burnam	Heflin	Parker
Callegari	Hernandez	Patrick
Castro	Herrero	Paxton
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Chisum	Hill	Phillips
Christian	Hochberg	Pickett
Cohen	Hodge	Pierson
Coleman	Homer	Pitts
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Puente
Cook of Colorado	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Corte	Howard of Travis	Raymond
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Creighton	Isett	Ritter
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Speaker of the House

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