

By: Martinez

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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Gene Lester and Dr. Yin-Tung Wang of Weslaco  
2 have been named Fellows by the American Society for Horticultural  
3 Science in recognition of their outstanding contributions to  
4 horticulture and the ASHS; and

5           WHEREAS, Founded in 1903, the ASHS is the largest  
6 organization dedicated to advancing horticultural research,  
7 education, and application, and election as a Fellow is the highest  
8 honor that it can bestow on its members; and

9           WHEREAS, Dr. Lester has served for nearly 25 years as a  
10 post-harvest vegetable researcher at the U.S. Department of  
11 Agriculture ARS Kika de la Garza Subtropical Research Center, where  
12 he has devoted his career to improving the post-harvest  
13 preservation of fruits and vegetables and to developing  
14 grower-friendly methods of improving their nutritional levels; his  
15 accomplishments include developing a method to keep muskmelons  
16 edible for two to three weeks longer than usual, extending the shelf  
17 life of cut fruit, and developing foliar sprays to increase sugars  
18 and beneficial nutrients in cantaloupes; and

19           WHEREAS, An orchid production expert, Dr. Wang has served as  
20 a horticulturist at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural  
21 Research and Extension Center since 1984; he specializes in  
22 developing modern production systems for potted orchids, and his  
23 work has made the plants one of the best selling ornamental  
24 commodities in the world; elected executive secretary of the

1 International Commercial Orchid Growers Organization, he has  
2 written more than 70 refereed publications and received more than  
3 \$1 million in grants and gifts for his research; moreover, he has  
4 mentored and taught numerous graduate students in horticulture; and

5 WHEREAS, The recognition of Dr. Lester and Dr. Wang as  
6 Fellows by the American Society for Horticultural Science justly  
7 acknowledges their remarkable achievements in agriculture, which  
8 have enriched and improved our state and nation; now, therefore, be  
9 it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Gene Lester and Dr. Yin-Tung  
12 Wang on being named Fellows by the American Society for  
13 Horticultural Science and extend to them sincere best wishes for  
14 continued success; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for Dr. Lester and Dr. Wang as an expression of high regard  
17 by the Texas House of Representatives.