

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 493

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

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

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

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby honor the College of Agriculture Development Council on the occasion of its semiannual meeting and welcome its members to the City of Austin and the State Capitol.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 19, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate