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H.R. No. 1139

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Lee E. Henderson is retiring from Prairie View
2 A&M University on May 2, 2009, after an eminent 38-year career as a
3 professor of biology; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Waller County, Lee Henderson graduated
5 as valedictorian of Ralph J. Bunche High School in Brookshire and
6 went on to earn both his bachelor's and master's degrees in biology
7 at Prairie View, as well as an additional master's degree in
8 education; he taught science in public schools for five years
9 before entering the U.S. Navy's Officer Candidate School in
10 Newport, Rhode Island; serving his country for five years and
11 rising to the rank of lieutenant, he returned to Prairie View for
12 his final military assignment as the senior instructor of the Naval
13 Reserve Officer Training Corps; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Henderson received his doctoral degree in
15 science education from the University of Houston in 1980 and became
16 an associate professor at Prairie View; he has played an important
17 role in the school's biology department, teaching approximately 250
18 students each year and leading classes in anatomy and physiology
19 for pre-nursing students; his rigorous instruction and high
20 standards have helped prepare degree candidates for professional
21 success in a demanding field; and

22 WHEREAS, In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Dr.
23 Henderson served as a reviewer for several editions of a major
24 clinical textbook, and he has served on many departmental and

1 university-wide committees as well as on the faculty senate; his
2 professional affiliations include the National Association for
3 Research in Science Teaching, the American Association for
4 Advancement of Science, and the Texas Association of College
5 Teachers; and

6 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan has also contributed to the
7 Prairie View community in myriad ways, most notably as the town's
8 mayor for two terms beginning in 1990; in all his endeavors, he
9 enjoys the love and support of his wife, Shirley, and their three
10 sons, Daryl, Michael, and Cory; and

11 WHEREAS, For nearly four decades, Lee Henderson has dedicated
12 himself to the students of Prairie View A&M, and his commitment to
13 excellence will long continue to inspire all those who are
14 privileged to know this outstanding educator; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Lee E. Henderson on his
17 retirement from Prairie View A&M University and extend to him
18 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Dr. Henderson as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.