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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Twenty-one Texas A&M University students are
2 providing valuable support to the 81st Texas Legislature while
3 gaining experience in public service as members of the Agricultural
4 and Natural Resources Policy Internship Program and the Public
5 Policy Internship Program; and

6 WHEREAS, For almost two decades, the ANRP Internship Program
7 has sent student interns to Austin and Washington, D.C., where they
8 work on a wide array of issues; their strong background and interest
9 in agriculture and natural resources allow them to offer
10 specialized knowledge to legislators; the program was founded in
11 response to a request by a member of the United States Congress for
12 an intern who could assist his office with these matters, and it has
13 since grown to include numerous congressional offices, as well as
14 the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture, the
15 U.S. Department of Agriculture, and offices on the state level
16 during legislative years; more than 325 students have participated
17 in semester-long internships; and

18 WHEREAS, The Public Policy Internship Program, established
19 in 1999, works with various colleges and departments to create an
20 interdisciplinary environment for comprehensive academic training,
21 research, and policy programming; interns in the nation's capital
22 and in Austin serve in a variety of settings that align with their
23 academic and professional goals; and

24 WHEREAS, Led by TAMU Policy Internship Programs Director

1 Breanne Svehla, both programs select their highly qualified and
2 dedicated members through a rigorous application process; in
3 addition to academic achievement, students must demonstrate their
4 potential to take full advantage of the opportunities for scholarly
5 and professional development, as well as the desire to serve our
6 state and nation; and

7 WHEREAS, The 2009 Texas A&M University policy interns serving
8 in Austin are: Jillian Arizpe, Jason Driver, Cameron Eckel, Jacob
9 Fowler, Nichole Gillen, Billy Hall, Spencer Harris, Melissa Jones,
10 Dayna Kaspar, Isaiah Logan, Chris McGhee, Nick Mikula, Sarah Novak,
11 Rusty Smith, Patrick Steck, Kelli Stoffels, Gavin Uttecht, Lauren
12 Wied, Bryan Wilganoski, Kelsey Wyble, and Shauna Yow; and

13 WHEREAS, Through the years, the ANRP and Public Policy
14 Internship Programs have helped exceptional students deepen their
15 understanding of governmental operations while developing
16 professional skills and networks, and alumni have gone on to make
17 vital contributions and assume leadership roles in a variety of
18 arenas; the outstanding young people who are giving of their time
19 and talents throughout this legislative session can indeed take
20 pride in their achievements and service to the Lone Star State; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize the Texas A&M University Agricultural
24 and Natural Resources Policy Internship Program and Public Policy
25 Internship Program and commend the current participants for their
26 diligence and commitment; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for the ANRP and PPIP interns as an expression of high
2 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.