

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Richard Stadelmann of Brenham is retiring from his  
2 position as associate professor of philosophy at Texas A&M  
3 University in May 2009, concluding more than four decades of  
4 exceptional service; and

5           WHEREAS, Raised in a Quaker community in Richmond, Indiana,  
6 Richard Stadelmann developed an interest in religion at an early  
7 age; he studied speech and philosophy at Earlham College, where he  
8 became one of the country's top-ranked debaters, and went on to  
9 enter Yale Divinity School on an academic scholarship; after  
10 earning his master of divinity degree, he served as a chaplain in  
11 the U.S. Navy and taught at Louisiana State University in New  
12 Orleans and Tulane University before joining the faculty of Texas  
13 A&M in 1967; and

14           WHEREAS, Professor Stadelmann developed and taught the  
15 university's first logic and religion courses and eventually  
16 introduced the Religious Studies Program; since then, he has taught  
17 more than nine course areas, ranging from graduate-level Hindu  
18 philosophy and Eastern religion studies to the concepts of love,  
19 and he recently began coaching the first Aggie debate team; he is  
20 respected and admired by students for his keen intellect as well as  
21 for his penchant for jokes; and

22           WHEREAS, Ordained as a Church of Christ minister, Professor  
23 Stadelmann has further distinguished himself as the  
24 parliamentarian for the A&M faculty senate and as a consultant to

1 many state and national political and professional organizations;  
2 moreover, he has served as a delegate to four Republican national  
3 conventions; and

4 WHEREAS, Richard Stadelmann is supported in his endeavors by  
5 his wife, Annette Stadelmann, as well as his eight children; he is a  
6 lifelong avid reader and also enjoys camping throughout the country  
7 and visiting historical monuments; and

8 WHEREAS, Demonstrating unwavering passion for his chosen  
9 field, this esteemed educator has sparked the curiosity and  
10 interest of countless students through the years, and he may indeed  
11 reflect with pride on a career well spent; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Richard Stadelmann on his  
14 retirement as associate professor of philosophy at Texas A&M  
15 University and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;  
16 and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Professor Stadelmann as an expression of high regard  
19 by the Texas House of Representatives.

Kolkhorst

H.R. No. 2245

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2245 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House