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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.