

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 509

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Texas A&M University Department of Oceanography on the occasion of its 60th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Oceanography and Meteorology was established at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas in 1949; it was the first academic department of oceanography to be established on a United States college campus; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Oceanography has mentored more than 370 doctoral degree recipients and more than 500 master's degree recipients, who have brought prestige and added luster to the State of Texas and to Texas A&M University; and

WHEREAS, These graduates have contributed in many ways to the prosperity and well-being of the citizens of this state through their involvement in government, the offshore oil industry, fisheries, and many other industries; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its graduate program, the department offers undergraduate oceanography courses to the many undergraduate students at Texas A&M University, introducing them to the science and the socioeconomic issues related to the marine environment; and

WHEREAS, The department has provided faculty and staff members to other universities in Texas, the United States, and nations worldwide; and

WHEREAS, The department has long been recognized as the leader in research of the Gulf of Mexico, and members of the department have provided the lead for many international

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research programs, including the Antarctic Biomass Program, the International Southern Ocean Studies, and the World Ocean Circulation Experiment; and

WHEREAS, The department has worked with numerous agencies of the State of Texas and the United States to solve or avoid problems related to the marine environment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the Texas A&M University Department of Oceanography, its faculty, its research scientists, its staff, and its students on their many notable accomplishments and congratulate them on the 60th anniversary of the department; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the department in honor of this special occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 24, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate