

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Stephen Hartmann of Midland retired as executive
2 director of University Lands for The University of Texas System on
3 April 30, 2011, concluding a distinguished career with the
4 institution that spanned more than three decades; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of Southwest Texas State University,
6 Steve Hartmann earned his master's degree in range science from
7 Texas A&M University; he joined UT Lands-Surface Interests as a
8 field representative in 1976 and served as director of University
9 Lands-West Texas Operations for five years before his appointment
10 as executive director in 1997; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Hartmann was the first individual to assume
12 responsibility for all aspects of University Lands operations,
13 including the management of 2.1 million acres of Permanent
14 University Fund properties across 19 West Texas counties; in
15 addition to directing the management of oil, gas, and other mineral
16 operations, he oversaw grazing, farming, and hunting leases, as
17 well as utility easements and business sites; and

18 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of this dynamic and
19 plain-spoken Texan, the annual revenue from University Lands
20 increased fivefold, adding a cumulative income of more than \$3.7
21 billion to the Permanent University Fund and Available University
22 Fund; in 2011, contributions to the Permanent University Fund will
23 exceed \$800 million; Mr. Hartmann added significant new revenue
24 sources, including Ste. Genevieve Winery, Mesa Vineyard, which is

1 the largest vineyard in Texas, and vast wind farms to generate power
2 for Texas residents and businesses; moreover, he recently presided
3 over two record-breaking sales of leases for mineral development on
4 University Lands, facilitated by his implementation of technology
5 such as a robust GIS system enabling online mapping and access of
6 well data; and

7 WHEREAS, The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
8 recognized Mr. Hartmann in 2009 for land conservation and
9 restoration efforts, and he received the W. R. Chapline Land
10 Stewardship Award from the Society for Range Management; he served
11 the Society for Range Management-Texas Section as president, as a
12 director, and in myriad other leadership roles, and he also served
13 on the Texas Tech College of Agricultural Sciences Dean's Advisory
14 Committee; in addition, he has given generously of his time and
15 talents as a member of the International Right-of-Way Association,
16 the International Pipeline Committee, the Permian Basin Petroleum
17 Association, and Midland's Environmental Professionals; and

18 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Hartmann enjoys the
19 support and encouragement of his wife, Georgia, and their two sons,
20 daughter-in-law, and granddaughter; and

21 WHEREAS, Admired for his integrity, responsible stewardship
22 of the land, and exceptional business acumen, Steve Hartmann
23 greatly benefited The University of Texas System and the entire
24 Lone Star State, and his accomplishments will continue to resonate
25 in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
27 hereby congratulate Steve Hartmann on his retirement as executive

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1 director of University Lands for The University of Texas System and
2 extend sincere appreciation for his outstanding contributions;
3 and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Mr. Hartmann as an expression of high regard by the
6 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 154 was adopted by the House on May 12, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 154 was adopted by the Senate on May 12, 2011, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor