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H.C.R. No. 154

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

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.