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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Twenty-three Texas A&M University students are
2 providing valuable support to the 82nd Texas Legislature while
3 gaining experience in public service as members of the Agricultural
4 and Natural Resources Policy Internship Program and the Public
5 Policy Internship Program; and

6 WHEREAS, For more than two decades, the Agricultural and
7 Natural Resources Policy Internship Program has sent student
8 interns to Austin and Washington, D.C., where they work on a wide
9 array of issues; their strong background and interest in
10 agriculture and natural resources allow them to offer specialized
11 knowledge to legislators; the program was founded in response to a
12 request by a member of the United States Congress for an intern who
13 could assist his office with these matters, and it has since grown
14 to include numerous congressional offices as well as the United
15 States House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture, the
16 United States Department of Agriculture, and offices on the state
17 level during legislative years; more than 700 students have
18 participated in semester-long internships; and

19 WHEREAS, The Public Policy Internship Program, established
20 in 1999, works with various colleges and departments to create an
21 interdisciplinary environment for comprehensive academic training,
22 research, and policy programming; interns in the nation's capital
23 and in Austin serve in a variety of settings that align with their
24 academic and professional goals; more than 400 students have

1 participated in semester-long internships; and

2 WHEREAS, Led by director Breanne Svehla, both internship
3 programs select their highly qualified and dedicated participants
4 through a rigorous application process; in addition to academic
5 achievement, students must demonstrate their potential to take full
6 advantage of the opportunities for scholarly and professional
7 development as well as the desire to serve our state and nation; and

8 WHEREAS, The 2011 Texas A&M University policy interns serving
9 in Austin are: Mary Beth Allcorn, Michael Baca, Cai Benavides,
10 Jennifer Bremer, Jonathan Connors, Matthew Cope, Jessica Decker,
11 Katelin Dietz, Renee Gertson, Blane Langston, Bridget Levien, Emily
12 Lord, Thaís Macedo, Patrick McMahon, Nathan Motl, Rebecca Pride,
13 Shelly Reynolds, Benjamin Rowe, Reagan Rupard, Ryan Skrobarczyk,
14 Lance Umlang, Eugenia Wagner, and Jordan Williford; and

15 WHEREAS, Through the years, the Agricultural and Natural
16 Resources Policy and Public Policy Internship Programs have helped
17 exceptional students deepen their understanding of governmental
18 operations while developing professional skills and networks, and
19 alumni have gone on to make vital contributions and assume
20 leadership roles in a variety of arenas; the outstanding young
21 people who are giving of their time and talents throughout this
22 legislative session can indeed take pride in their achievements and
23 service to the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
25 Legislature hereby recognize the Texas A&M University Agricultural
26 and Natural Resources Policy Internship Program and the Public
27 Policy Internship Program and commend the current participants for

1 their diligence and commitment; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for the students as an expression of high regard from the
4 Texas House of Representatives.