

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 515

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University on the occasion of its centennial anniversary; and

WHEREAS, The first public institution of higher learning in the state, Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College was founded in 1876; the passage of the Hatch Act allowed the creation of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, now known as Texas AgriLife Research; and

WHEREAS, The School of Agriculture was founded in 1911 under the direction of Edwin J. Kyle; the college's board of directors authorized doctoral programs in agriculture and engineering in 1936, and 10 years later, the School of Agriculture, the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station, and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service were combined to better serve the needs of Texans; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has had numerous distinguished faculty members, including Norman Borlaug, the 1971 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate; it has grown from a single department to a college with 40 undergraduate degree programs and more than 50 graduate programs across 14 departments; and

WHEREAS, The college contains more than 13 percent of the university's students and awards approximately 1,200 bachelor's degrees and 200 graduate degrees each year; Texas A&M University graduates more students in agriculturally related fields than any other school in the country; and

WHEREAS, The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has had a profound impact on the progress, development, and success of Texas, and it is truly deserving of recognition as it celebrates its 100th anniversary; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University on its many contributions to the state and extend to its students, faculty, and staff best wishes for a memorable centennial celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the college as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 22, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate