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H.R. No. 2898

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, James Benjamin Rogers is retiring in May 2015 after  
2 an outstanding tenure as director of the W. R. Poage Legislative  
3 Library at Baylor University; and

4           WHEREAS, Ben Rogers joined the Baylor University staff in  
5 1990, taking a position at the Poage Library the following year; he  
6 has overseen the renovation of the library's exhibit gallery, the  
7 construction of the Hightower Book Vault, and the addition of the  
8 second floor processing area; moreover, he helped establish the  
9 Jack Hightower Book Endowment as well as the Dowdy Research Grant,  
10 Student Intern, and Archival Supply endowments; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers also played a key role in the creation of  
12 numerous political collections dedicated to national and state  
13 legislators and judges; after lieutenant governor Bob Bullock  
14 donated his records to the university in 1993, Mr. Rogers worked  
15 tirelessly to transfer and organize the documents into the Bob  
16 Bullock Archive, which opened in 2004; and

17           WHEREAS, In addition to the quarter-century he devoted to the  
18 Poage Library, this esteemed Texan has been employed as an  
19 archivist for the Texas Baptist Historical Collection, and he has  
20 served both the U.S. Army Security Agency and the National Security  
21 Agency; he holds a bachelor's degree in history from the College of  
22 Charleston, a master's degree in information science from the  
23 University of North Texas, and further master's degrees in divinity  
24 and church music from Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary; and

1           WHEREAS, Through his dedication, professionalism, and  
2 prudent handling of library funds, Ben Rogers has made innumerable  
3 contributions to Baylor and the Poage Library, and he may indeed  
4 reflect with pride on his exceptional career achievements; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Ben Rogers on his retirement as  
8 director of the W. R. Poage Legislative Library at Baylor  
9 University and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;  
10 now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Mr. Rogers as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
13 House of Representatives.