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H.R. No. 426

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Tom Maynard retired as executive director of the
2 Texas FFA Association on January 9, 2017, drawing to a close more
3 than 16 years of outstanding service to that organization; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Maynard became a member of FFA in 1978, when he
5 was living at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch; he served as state FFA vice
6 president and as a staff member for the National FFA Organization's
7 Washington Leadership Conference; after earning a bachelor's
8 degree in animal production from Texas Tech University in 1986, he
9 went on to a 13-year career as an agricultural science teacher,
10 earning national recognition for his innovative programs in
11 communications; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Maynard became executive director of the Texas
13 FFA in May 2000, and during his distinguished tenure, he helped
14 double its membership from 56,000 in 2000 to nearly 116,000 by the
15 end of 2016; the longest-serving chief executive in the state
16 association's history, he also updated the organization's
17 administrative and board structures, stabilized its finances, and
18 expanded student leadership development and scholarship
19 opportunities; and

20 WHEREAS, At the national level, Mr. Maynard was part of an
21 FFA task force that helped remove barriers to participation by
22 disadvantaged students, and he assisted in creating the current
23 student delegate process; he has also served as president of the
24 National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education,

1 which named him outstanding state FFA executive in 2016; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Maynard currently serves on the State Board of
3 Education representing District 10; a man of strong religious
4 faith, he has been a choir director and worship leader at his church
5 for many years; he and his wife, Freda, also own a real estate
6 appraisal firm and run a small purebred livestock operation; and

7 WHEREAS, Tom Maynard's broad experience, skilled leadership,
8 and deep commitment to advancing the mission of FFA have greatly
9 benefited that organization and the students it serves, and he may
10 indeed take pride in all he has accomplished at the helm of the
11 Texas association; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
13 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Tom Maynard for his
14 eminent service as executive director of the Texas FFA Association
15 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mr. Maynard as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.