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H.R. No. 284

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic
2 Laboratory is marking its 50th anniversary on March 6, 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, Created by the Texas Legislature in 1967, the TVMDL
4 is dedicated to providing veterinary diagnostic services for both
5 livestock and pets, with the goal of protecting the health of
6 animals, the safety of the public, and the commercial interests of
7 livestock owners; the agency is composed of two full-service
8 laboratories in College Station and Amarillo, opened in 1969 and
9 1975 respectively, and two additional poultry laboratories in
10 Center and Gonzales; and

11 WHEREAS, The staff of the TVMDL are trained to examine and
12 diagnose live and deceased animals; the agency also collects
13 critical laboratory data necessary to identify disease and issues
14 appropriate warnings to individuals and government clients; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2004, the USDA selected the TVMDL to be part of
16 the National Animal Health Laboratory Network, a group of state and
17 regional laboratories that perform surveillance testing for
18 high-consequence agricultural and zoonotic pathogens; to that end,
19 Biosafety Level 3 laboratories have been built at both its College
20 Station and Amarillo locations, enabling staff to safely work with
21 and contain contagious animal disease agents; and

22 WHEREAS, In its mission to serve the diagnostic needs of
23 animal owners and food animal industries and to facilitate the
24 early detection of diseases, TVMDL is committed to developing new

1 diagnostic tools and incorporating state-of-the-art technology;
2 the agency's work is made possible by its highly skilled
3 professional, technical, and administrative staff, as well as by
4 its professional relationships with the Texas A&M University
5 College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Science, practicing
6 veterinarians, industry leaders, and the general public; and

7 WHEREAS, A half century after its establishment, the Texas
8 A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory continues to promote
9 animal health and to protect public safety, and in so doing, it is
10 making important and far-reaching contributions across the Lone
11 Star State and beyond; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
13 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Texas
14 A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory and extend to all
15 those associated with the agency sincere best wishes for continued
16 success with their important work; and, be it further

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