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H.R. No. 823

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Raymond F. Bader retired from the El Paso County
2 office of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service on February 28,
3 2017, drawing to a close two decades of exemplary service to The
4 Texas A&M University System; and

5 WHEREAS, After graduating with a bachelor's degree in
6 agriculture and a master's degree in horticulture from the
7 University of the Philippines Los Baños, Ray Bader earned his Ph.D.
8 in plant breeding from TAMU; he went on to work as an applied
9 research manager at the Ayala Agricultural Development Corporation
10 in the Philippines, as a researcher and assistant professor at
11 UPLB, and as program coordinator for the Kearney Agricultural
12 Research and Extension Center at the University of California,
13 Davis, and in 1997, he became a natural resources agent at the El
14 Paso County office of the TAMU Texas Cooperative Extension; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2006, Dr. Bader was named director of the El Paso
16 County office of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service; he went
17 on to work for two years as District 6 administrator at the Fort
18 Stockton Extension office before returning to his previous post in
19 2015; in that position, he has ably overseen human and fiscal
20 resource development and management, program development and
21 direction, strategic planning, and various other duties; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Bader has greatly benefited his industry
23 through his service as president of the Crop Science Society of the
24 Philippines and as a member of the boards of the Asian Crop Science

1 Association, the Federation of Crop Science Societies of the
2 Philippines, the West Texas Urban Forestry Council, and the
3 Southwest Turfgrass Association; highly esteemed in his field, he
4 has earned a host of professional accolades, including the 2016
5 Atenean of the Year Award from Ateneo de Zamboanga University, a
6 2005 Vice Chancellor's Award in Excellence from Texas A&M AgriLife,
7 and a 2005 Superior Service Award from the TAMU Texas Cooperative
8 Extension; and

9 WHEREAS, Through his dedication, professionalism, and
10 commitment to excellence, Ray Bader has made vital contributions to
11 advancing the mission of the El Paso County Extension office, and he
12 may take justifiable pride in his exceptional record of
13 achievement; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Raymond F. Bader on his retirement
16 as director of the El Paso County office of the Texas A&M AgriLife
17 Extension Service and extend to him sincere best wishes for
18 continued happiness and fulfillment; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Dr. Bader as an expression of high regard by the Texas
21 House of Representatives.