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By:  Harris H.R. No. 101

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, the leadership program director for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and a professor at Texas A&M University, has benefited the state's agricultural community tremendously in the course of his outstanding career; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mazurkiewicz first joined the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in 1978; he worked as a county extension agent until 1998, when he became a professor and the director of the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL) Program; in 2008, he took on his current role as leadership program director, assuming responsibility for the TALL Program as well as international extension programs and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition-Leadership Extension; and

WHEREAS, In his spare time, Dr. Mazurkiewicz operates a commercial cattle herd, and he has judged beef cattle shows across the country and coached numerous 4-H livestock judging teams; moreover, he has served as president of the Brazos Valley Fair & Exposition, and he has shared his expertise with the International Association of Programs for Agricultural Leadership, the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce, and the Texas and Brazos County Farm Bureaus, among other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Respected and admired by his peers, Dr. Mazurkiewicz is an A&M Regents Fellow, and he has garnered such prestigious accolades as a Medal of Merit from the president of Poland, Volunteer of the Year and Agriculture Recognition Awards from the Bryan/College Station chamber, and a Meritorious Service Award from Epsilon Sigma Phi; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mazurkiewicz is a native of the Brazos Valley and a graduate of Waller High School; he received a bachelor's degree in animal science from Texas A&M, where he later returned to earn a doctorate in animal science, and he also holds a master's degree in agriculture education from Texas Tech University; in all his endeavors, Dr. Mazurkiewicz has enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Kathy, and his three children, James, Kathy Ann, and Stephanie; and

WHEREAS, Through his dedication, professionalism, and commitment to excellence, Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz has made a positive and lasting difference in his field, and he is indeed deserving of recognition for his many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby honor Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz for his significant contributions to the agricultural industry in the Lone Star State and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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