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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Dr. M. Mort Kothmann is retiring from the department of rangeland ecology and management at Texas A&M University in May 2019, drawing to a close an outstanding career in education that has spanned more than half a century; and

WHEREAS, Mort Kothmann first joined the A&M system as a member of the faculty at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in 1967; after three years, he took a position as an assistant professor at Texas A&M, and over the next decade, he was promoted to associate professor and then to professor; for the past 10 years, he has served as associate department head for undergraduate programs; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his tenure, Dr. Kothmann has taught undergraduate and graduate classes on a variety of subjects, including rangeland inventory and evaluation, grazing management, livestock nutrition, and natural resource analysis; his research has focused on developing models to guide ranchers in planning, monitoring, and evaluating grazing management; and

WHEREAS, Professor Kothmann holds a bachelor's degree in range management and a doctorate in range science from Texas A&M University as well as a master's degree in range management from Utah State University; and

WHEREAS, Mort Kothmann has made significant contributions to advancing the mission of Texas A&M University and to the study of range management, and he may take well-deserved pride in his exceptional record of achievement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. M. Mort Kothmann on his retirement from Texas A&M University and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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