

By: Harris

H.R. No. 101

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Respected and admired by his peers,
23 Dr. Mazurkiewicz is an A&M Regents Fellow, and he has garnered such
24 prestigious accolades as a Medal of Merit from the president of

1 Poland, Volunteer of the Year and Agriculture Recognition Awards
2 from the Bryan/College Station chamber, and a Meritorious Service
3 Award from Epsilon Sigma Phi; and

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

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

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

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