

By: Martinez

H.R. No. 106

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bradley Forrest Cowan is retiring as county
2 agricultural extension agent for Hidalgo County on January 31,
3 2019, drawing to a close a distinguished career that has spanned
4 four decades; and

5 WHEREAS, Brad Cowan started out as an assistant county
6 agricultural extension agent for Montgomery County in January 1979,
7 and two years later, he was promoted to county extension agent; he
8 subsequently took on the same role in Galveston County before
9 assuming his current position in April 1990; and

10 WHEREAS, During his tenure with Hidalgo County, Mr. Cowan has
11 overseen programs and research related to a variety of crops as well
12 as cattle, forages, irrigation, and water conservation; in
13 addition, he has provided pesticide license training and assisted
14 other county faculty with initiatives associated with commercial
15 produce, urban horticulture, community development, and 4-H
16 programs; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Cowan has held leadership roles with the Texas
18 County Agricultural Agents Association, the Rio Grande Valley
19 Livestock Show, and the Hidalgo County Farm Bureau; moreover, he
20 has given generously of his time and talents to the Conroe Noon
21 Lions Club, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Edinburg and League
22 City First United Methodist Churches; and

23 WHEREAS, In recognition of his accomplishments, Mr. Cowan
24 has received numerous accolades, including a Special Achievement

1 Award for Collaborating County Extension Agent from Texas A&M
2 University, an Outstanding Beef Agent in Texas Award from the Texas
3 and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, and a Distinguished
4 Service Award from the TCAAA/NACAA; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Cowan holds a bachelor's degree in animal
6 science and a master's degree in agricultural education from Texas
7 A&M University; in all his endeavors, he has enjoyed the love and
8 support of his wife, Christine, and he takes great pride in their
9 four sons and nine grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Brad Cowan's dedication, professionalism, and
11 commitment to excellence have greatly benefited his fellow Texans,
12 and he may indeed reflect with pride on a career well spent as he
13 embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Bradley Forrest Cowan on his
17 retirement as county agricultural extension agent for Hidalgo
18 County and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be
19 it further

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