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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Dr. M. Mort Kothmann is retiring from the department
- 2 of rangeland ecology and management at Texas A&M University in May
- 3 2019, drawing to a close an outstanding career in education that has
- 4 spanned more than half a century; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mort Kothmann first joined the A&M system as a
- 6 member of the faculty at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station
- 7 in 1967; after three years, he took a position as an assistant
- 8 professor at Texas A&M, and over the next decade, he was promoted to
- 9 associate professor and then to professor; for the past 10 years, he
- 10 has served as associate department head for undergraduate programs;
- 11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, Over the course of his tenure, Dr. Kothmann has
- 13 taught undergraduate and graduate classes on a variety of subjects,
- 14 including rangeland inventory and evaluation, grazing management,
- 15 livestock nutrition, and natural resource analysis; his research
- 16 has focused on developing models to guide ranchers in planning,
- 17 monitoring, and evaluating grazing management; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Professor Kothmann holds a bachelor's degree in
- 19 range management and a doctorate in range science from Texas A&M
- 20 University as well as a master's degree in range management from
- 21 Utah State University; and
- WHEREAS, Mort Kothmann has made significant contributions to
- 23 advancing the mission of Texas A&M University and to the study of
- 24 range management, and he may take well-deserved pride in his

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- 1 exceptional record of achievement; now, therefore, be it
- 2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
- 3 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. M. Mort Kothmann on his
- 4 retirement from Texas A&M University and extend to him sincere best
- 5 wishes for the future; and, be it further
- 6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 7 prepared for Dr. Kothmann as an expression of high regard by the
- 8 Texas House of Representatives.