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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Roger E. Kirk, a psychology and statistics
2 professor at Baylor University, was recently recognized in a
3 feature for the American Psychological Association newsletter *The*
4 *Score* for his remarkable 60-year career in the statistics field;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The longest-tenured professor in Baylor's history,
7 Dr. Kirk joined the university's faculty in the fall of 1958; he was
8 assigned the task of developing a strong research program in the
9 Department of Psychology, and he went on to focus his scholarly
10 efforts on psychoacoustics, the study of the physiological effects
11 of sound; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Kirk began directing the department's graduate
13 program in 1969; seven years later, he organized its doctoral
14 program for behavioral statistics, which evolved into the
15 interdisciplinary Institute of Statistics, a joint endeavor of the
16 schools of psychology, neuroscience, mathematics, and business;
17 today, the institute is known as the Department of Statistical
18 Science; altogether, he has supervised more than 20 Ph.D. students,
19 taught thousands of undergraduates, and authored over 50
20 publications on topics in psychology and statistics; and

21 WHEREAS, Through the years, Dr. Kirk has been honored with
22 such accolades as the Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award by
23 the Texas Psychological Association and both the Charles L. Brewer
24 and Jacob Cohen Awards from the American Psychological Association,

1 which recognize excellence in teaching; bestowed the title of
2 master teacher by Baylor, he is also a recipient of the university's
3 Outstanding Tenured Teacher in the College of Arts & Sciences
4 Award; he is concluding his exemplary career at Baylor with his
5 retirement at the end of the spring semester in 2019; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Kirk's dedication, expertise, and commitment to
7 excellence have benefited countless students and brought him
8 significant renown in his profession, and Baylor University has
9 indeed been fortunate to count him among its most esteemed faculty
10 members; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Roger E. Kirk on his recent
13 recognition from the American Psychological Association and
14 commend him on his many years of service as a professor at Baylor
15 University; and, be it further

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