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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, West Texas A&M University achieved great distinction by winning its first-ever meat science national championship at the 2020 Meat Science Quiz Bowl, held on August 1 and 2; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture students from West Texas A&M competed virtually against teams from 12 other schools in the event, which has been hosted by the American Meat Science Association since 2002; the quiz bowl requires participants to demonstrate a breadth of knowledge about such topics as meat industry history, muscle structure and function, food safety regulations, microbiology, and meat grading; and

WHEREAS, Guided by coaches Dr. Loni Lucherk and Travis Tilton, two WTAMU squads, the Maroon and White teams, competed in the 2020 double-elimination tournament; the Maroon team, composed of Becca Grimes, Jared Young, Zach McDonough, and Jake Gillespie, advanced through the rounds with victories over Oklahoma State, Texas A&M, and Texas Tech Universities and ultimately prevailed over the University of Florida to claim the national crown; and

WHEREAS, Winning a national championship represents the culmination of countless hours of hard work and an unwavering commitment to excellence, and the talented and dedicated agriculture students of West Texas A&M University may take justifiable pride in this outstanding achievement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate West Texas A&M University on winning the national championship at the 2020 Meat Science Quiz Bowl and extend to the school sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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