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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, James Allan Curry is retiring from Baylor University
2 following the spring 2021 semester, concluding a noteworthy career
3 spanning 47 years in the department of political science; and

4 WHEREAS, A member of the Baylor faculty since 1974, James
5 Curry has been the Bob Bullock Professor of Public Policy and
6 Administration for more than two decades; in 2001, he established
7 the Bob Bullock Scholars Program, which allows students to gain
8 work experience at the State Capitol; he serves as director of both
9 that initiative and the Baylor Washington Internship Program, and
10 he is the founder and director of the criminal justice minor; he
11 previously chaired the department of political science for 14
12 years, and his kindness and concern for others fostered an enduring
13 climate of collegiality; dedicated to his profession, he has served
14 his discipline and the wider university community in numerous other
15 leadership roles as well; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Curry is the coauthor of a textbook,
17 *Constitutional Government: The American Experience*, now in its 10th
18 edition; he has also published many peer-reviewed articles and book
19 chapters, and he has been much in demand as a speaker at
20 professional conferences and as a news analyst; among myriad
21 accolades, he has received a Baylor Outstanding Tenured Faculty
22 Award, and he has been recognized multiple times by Phi Beta Kappa
23 and Mortar Board for excellence in teaching; and

24 WHEREAS, Before joining Baylor, Dr. Curry taught American

1 government at the University of Kansas, where he completed both his
2 master's and doctoral degrees in political science with honors; he
3 received his bachelor's degree summa cum laude from Tarkio College
4 in Missouri; his professional affiliations include the National
5 Council on Crime & Delinquency and the Academy of Criminal Justice
6 Sciences, and he is a retired commander of the United States Navy
7 Reserve; and

8 WHEREAS, James Curry has helped countless students gain a
9 strong foundation in the intricacies of our political system, and
10 his contributions to his discipline and to Baylor University have
11 earned him the deep respect and admiration of all who are fortunate
12 enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate James Allan Curry on his retirement
15 from Baylor University and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
16 future; and, be it further

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