

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas A&M University System, West Texas A&M
2 University, Texas A&M University, the Texas A&M College of
3 Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, and the Texas A&M
4 Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory are hosting the
5 dedication of the Charles W. "Doc" Graham '53 DVM, The Texas A&M
6 University System Center on the campus of West Texas A&M University
7 on June 3, 2021; and

8 WHEREAS, This exciting new veterinary-focused center is
9 comprised of two recently completed buildings, which opened in
10 September 2020; the Veterinary Education, Research, and Outreach
11 (VERO) Building is a \$22-million, 36,000-square-foot facility that
12 serves as a gateway for students who are interested in pursuing
13 veterinary science, and it also promotes collaborative and
14 multidisciplinary research among scientists; in addition, the VERO
15 program will host current A&M veterinary students for clinical
16 rotations and internships that will introduce them to the Texas
17 livestock industry, serve as home for the A&M veterinary college's
18 2+2 Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program, and house researchers;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, The new Charles W. Graham, DVM, Texas A&M Veterinary
21 Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) is a \$17.6-million,
22 22,000-square-foot facility that incorporates state-of-the-art
23 diagnostic services in bacteriology, pathology, serology, and
24 virology; in addition, the TVMDL is home to one of only two

1 high-containment, biosafety level 3 laboratories in Texas,
2 designed to test for animal diseases that pose a threat to the
3 public health and the agricultural economy; the facility will also
4 provide veterinary students at all levels with a wealth of
5 practical experience; and

6 WHEREAS, The TVMDL and the new center are both named in honor
7 of Dr. Charles W. "Doc" Graham, a distinguished 1953 graduate of
8 Texas A&M, one of the world's leading equine veterinarians, and a
9 longtime leader in the horse and cattle industries in Texas; he has
10 been recognized by Texas A&M's AgriLife program, College of
11 Agriculture and Life Sciences, and veterinary college and inducted
12 to many halls of fame; and

13 WHEREAS, By strengthening the study and practice of
14 large-animal veterinary medicine in Texas, this new center and
15 these two new state-of-the-art facilities represent a considerable
16 investment in the future prosperity of the region; now, therefore,
17 be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
19 Legislature hereby commemorate the dedication of the Charles W.
20 "Doc" Graham '53 DVM, The Texas A&M University System Center and the
21 VERO and TVMDL buildings on the campus of West Texas A&M University
22 and extend to all those affiliated with the school sincere best
23 wishes for continued success.

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H.R. No. 1679

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1679 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House