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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.