

By: Flores

S.C.R. No. 43

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Fifty students from several member institutions of the Texas A&M University System are providing valuable support to the 88th Texas Legislature while gaining experience in public service as members of the Agricultural and Natural Resources Policy Internship Program, the Public Policy Internship Program, the Bush School of Government & Public Service Capstone Scholars Program, the School of Law Residency Externship Program in Public Policy, and the Tarleton State University internship program; and

WHEREAS, For over three decades, the Agricultural and Natural Resources Policy Internship Program has sent students from the Texas A&M University College of Agriculture & Life Sciences to Austin, Washington, D.C., and abroad to work on a wide array of issues; their strong background and interest in agriculture and natural resources allow them to offer specialized knowledge to offices; over 1,000 students have participated in this program to date; the current ANRP interns are Victoria Benavides, Cameron Castillo, Sarah Denison, Bailey Halbert, William Howe, and Cason Moorman; and

WHEREAS, The Texas A&M University Public Policy Internship Program, established in 1999, invites students across all Texas A&M University degree programs to create an interdisciplinary environment for comprehensive academic training, research, and policy programming; interns in the nation's capital, in Austin, and

1 abroad serve in a variety of settings that align with their  
2 professional goals; some 1,000 students have participated in this  
3 program to date; the current PPIP interns are Blake Albright,  
4 Crystal Amoles, Peter Barnett, Graeson Chadwell, Lillian Dacke,  
5 Sumanpreet Dosanjh, Erica Emig, Clark Garcia, Ariana Garlic,  
6 Shannon Gray, Marla Guerra, Lillian Hale, Jason Haug, Chrissa  
7 Jacobson, Aseer Karowadia, Magdalyn Klynsma, Christopher  
8 Livaudais, Michelle Mares, Tasha Martin, Brayden Moore, Julia  
9 Patterson, Abigail Powell, Jacob Pratt, Carson Prejean, Varun  
10 Singh, Cassidy Smith, and Grant Socol; and

11 WHEREAS, Since the 82nd Session, the Bush School of  
12 Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University has sent a  
13 select group of graduate students, known as Capstone Scholars, to  
14 work in the legislature; these students, most of whom intend to work  
15 in government positions when they graduate, bring knowledge,  
16 skills, and motivation to their respective offices; their  
17 legislative experiences add greatly to their professional  
18 development and benefit the state of Texas in myriad ways; the  
19 current Bush School Capstone interns are Tal Carson, Sydney De  
20 Vault-Garvey, Israel Eisenbeiss, Willie Gonzales, Ryan Heare,  
21 Taitelyn Morris, Aditya Prasetyo, Debbra Willis, and Abdulatif  
22 Zaki; and

23 WHEREAS, The Texas A&M School of Law Residency Externship  
24 Program in Public Policy, first offered in 2016, brings law  
25 students to Washington, D.C., and Austin to serve in a variety of  
26 legislative, executive, and advocacy settings that align with their  
27 professional goals; students are selected for their academic

1 achievement, demonstrated interest in public service, and  
2 completion of studies specific to legislation, regulation, and  
3 substantive policy law; this preparation allows them to offer  
4 advanced skills and knowledge to the policymakers and advocates  
5 with whom they work; current Texas A&M Law Students are Michael  
6 Chavarria, Meagan Corser, and McKenna Martinez; and

7       WHEREAS, Since 2010, Tarleton State University has sent  
8 numerous interns to Austin and Washington, D.C., where they work on  
9 an array of issues; their strong background and interest in public  
10 policy, history, education, criminal justice, health care, and  
11 agriculture, among other topics, equip them to offer specialized  
12 knowledge to legislators; current Tarleton interns are Desirae  
13 Garcia, Emilie Gaucin-Rodarte, Walker Kirk, Olivia Lasater, and  
14 Kiara Owen; and

15       WHEREAS, Through the years, these programs have helped  
16 exceptional students deepen their understanding of legislative  
17 processes and general government functionality while developing  
18 important professional skills and critical peer networks, and past  
19 program participants have gone on to make vital contributions and  
20 assume leadership roles in a variety of arenas; the outstanding  
21 young people who are giving of their time and talents, with the  
22 utmost integrity, throughout this legislative session can indeed  
23 take pride in their achievements and selfless service to the Lone  
24 Star State; now, therefore, be it

25       RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas  
26 hereby recognize the 2023 Texas A&M University System policy  
27 interns and commend the current participants for their diligence

1 and commitment to excellence; and, be it further

2       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
3 prepared for the students as an expression of high regard by the  
4 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.