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H.R. No. 32

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Horace Hodge is retiring from the United States
2 Department of Agriculture in 2025, drawing to a close an exemplary
3 tenure with the agency spanning more than 48 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hodge developed an early interest in
5 agriculture and was active in Future Farmers of America throughout
6 his youth and during his time as a student at Prairie View A&M
7 University; after earning his bachelor's degree in agriculture
8 education in 1978, he began his career with the USDA Soil
9 Conservation Service; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1989, Mr. Hodge returned to the Prairie View A&M
11 campus when he joined the USDA Office of Partnerships and Public
12 Engagement as a liaison in the 1890 Program, an initiative that
13 seeks to increase the number of students studying agriculture and
14 related disciplines at historically Black colleges and
15 universities; among his many responsibilities, he has served as an
16 advisor for agriculture students, encouraging them to participate
17 in special learning opportunities in their fields of study; in
18 recognition of his efforts, he received a 2024 Dean's Award in
19 Excellence from the PVAMU College of Agriculture, Food, and Natural
20 Resources; and

21 WHEREAS, Through his leadership, dedication, and commitment
22 to assisting students, Horace Hodge has advanced the work of the
23 USDA and greatly benefited the PVAMU community, and he may indeed
24 reflect with pride on his many achievements as he embarks on the

1 next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
3 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Horace Hodge
4 on his retirement from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and
5 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Mr. Hodge as an expression of high regard by the Texas
8 House of Representatives.