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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Dr. James Olson, a psychology professor at The  
2 University of Texas Permian Basin, is celebrating 50 years of  
3 service at the university; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Southern California, James Olson earned  
5 his bachelor's degree from the University of California Santa  
6 Barbara in 1969, and during his undergraduate years, he contributed  
7 to a groundbreaking project that sought to teach language to  
8 chimpanzees; he went on to receive a master's degree and doctorate  
9 in psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles; in  
10 1973, he became one of the founding faculty members of The  
11 University of Texas Permian Basin; and

12           WHEREAS, Over the course of his career at UTPB, Dr. Olson has  
13 excelled in his teaching duties and has served as chair of the  
14 psychology, sociology, and criminology departments; in 1994, he  
15 became the first dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and served  
16 in that role for a decade; currently, he holds the R. V. Cardozier  
17 endowed professorship and teaches both undergraduate and master's  
18 level psychology courses; he has coauthored multiple books,  
19 including two titles based on interviews he conducted with  
20 residential burglars, and his work on the subject has received  
21 national media attention; and

22           WHEREAS, Dr. Olson has earned a number of prestigious  
23 teaching honors, including the Piper Professor Award in 2011 and  
24 the Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award from The University of

1 Texas System in 2012; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. James Olson's dedication, expertise, and  
3 commitment to excellence have benefited countless students and  
4 brought him significant renown in the field of psychology, and The  
5 University of Texas Permian Basin is indeed fortunate to count him  
6 among its most esteemed faculty members; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas  
8 hereby commend Dr. James Olson on 50 years of service to The  
9 University of Texas Permian Basin and extend to him sincere best  
10 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Dr. Olson as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
13 House of Representatives and Senate.