ESP Continued Excellence Recognition Award

Applicant Name: Michael E. Heimer, CEA-ANR

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Chapter (Find your Chapter & Click): Texas/Alpha Zeta

South Region: South

Have Dues Been Paid for the Current & Previous Year? Yes

Year Initiated into ESP: 1987

Describe Your Education:

New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM - Master of Science in Reproductive Physiology-1978

New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM - Bachelor of Science in Animal Science-1976

Enter Employment History (150 Words Maximum):

1985 to present - County Extension Agent-Agriculture/ Natural Resources, Montgomery County, Conroe, TX. Served as County Coordinator from 1995 to 2001. Serving as County Coordinator as of June 2012

1980 to 1985 - County Extension Agent-Agriculture/ Natural Resources, Swisher County, Tulia, TX. Served as County Coordinator

1978 to 1980 - County Extension Agent- 4-H and Youth, Harrison County, Marshall, TX

Enter Your ESP Membership & Involvement (150 Words Maximum):

Epsilon Sigma Phi Association - District Representative, 1998 - 2000 Epsilon Sigma Phi Association – member, 1987 - present

Enter Your Professional Accomplishments (150 Words Maximum):

Mr. Michael E. Heimer, County Extension Agent – ANR has earned a Career Ladder ranking of Level IV. Mike began his career as a CEA-4-H/YD in Harrison County in 1978, transferred in 1980 to the CEA-ANR position in Swisher County, and finally as CEA-ANR in Montgomery County in 1985. He maintains active membership in five professional associations including the National Association of



County Agricultural Agents, Texas County Agricultural Agents Association, Epsilon Sigma Phi – Alpha Zeta Chapter, American Forage & Grassland Council, and the National Extension Development Council. He has served not only as a member of each, but also in various elected leadership roles including district director/representative, treasurer, secretary and chairman. His certifications include: Non-Commercial Applicator License (TDA); National Incident Management System IS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700, 800; Red Cross CPR; and Poultry Judge Certification. He serves as an adjunct faculty member for Magnolia ISD, Montgomery ISD, New Caney ISD, and Willis ISD.

Enter Your Program Accomplishments (400 Words Maximum):

Mr. Michael E. Heimer is considered by agents in District 9 and beyond as a stellar educator and a valuable resource to all. As CEA-ANR in Montgomery County in 1985 to present - Michael readily utilizes any & all teaching methods at his disposal based on the needs of his clientele. He has developed a number of in-depth resources relating to horse, beef, pastures/forages, pest control, farm safety, emergency preparedness, result demonstrations and 4H projects. These resources include both Powerpoint presentations, subject-matter handbooks & program guides. He has secured grants of over \$25,000 in support of the 4H's Egg to Chick project, fire ant demonstrations, horticulture/landscaping projects, and the cattle industry. Mr. Heimer works extensively with both internal and external committees in support of his programming efforts. The internal committees on a county and district level include: Agriculture, Horse, Beef Improvement, SE TX Grounds Conference, Marketing & Interpretation, Master Naturalist, Master Gardeners, LAB, Animal Validation, District Roundup and District Judging. Mr. Heimer's external committees are made up of Regional Disaster Animal Management, Emergency Strike team, Montgomery Co. Animal Issue Committee, Appraisal District, Greater Houston Horse Council, Mont. Co. Master Parks Committee, Tx. Parks & Wildlife Dept., Ground Water Conservation District, Solid Waste Mgmt. Board. Livestock/Rodeo committees, Farm Bureau, Farm Service Agency, Soil & Water Conservation boards, Mont. Co. Fair Assoc. and the Breeding Beef Committee.

Mr. Heimer incorporates numerous valid result demonstrations in support of the Ag industry in Montgomery County throughout the year. Some of which include: Forage Variety Trials, Bermuda Grass Selection, Hybrid Sorghum, Bunch Grass Site Recovery, Clover Variety Trails, Sweet Clovers, Ryegrass Variety Trails, Grazing Management Trials, Rotational Grazing, No-Fence Strip Grazing, Forage Herbicide Trials, Annual Weed Control, McCartney Rose Control, Beef Cattle Synchronization Trials, Green Briar Control, Prickly Pear Control, Fire Ant Bait Trails, Growth Regulator Tests, Leaf Cutter Ant Control, Round Bale on Different Surfaces, Phorid Fly Trials, and Cotton Variety Trails

And, finally Mr. Heimer utilizes mass media very extensively to educate citizens and to interpret program results. Some of which include biweekly news articles to twelve papers, Montgomery County Beef Association Newsletter (monthly), Beef Improvement Newsletter (monthly), Agriculture Newsletter (quarterly), Equines Hotline Newsletter (quarterly), live radio (daily), and the Montgomery County Extension webpage (as needed).

Summary Statement for Award Presentation (75 Words Maximum):

Michael E. Heimer, County Extension Agent – ANR in Montgomery County has throughout his career, worked with local leaders in both internal and external Extension support groups to make sure his

educational programs were on target with the true needs of county clientele needs, both large producers and small. He has used various educational methods including formal meetings, field days, ranch tours, small discussion groups, result demonstrations, individual ranch visits and various forms of mass media.

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