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Dr. Merrifield was a University of Texas at San Antonio faculty member for 32 years. He retired from teaching and faculty meetings to devote additional time to critical research issues, and to have more time with his wife and ‘high-maintenance’ teenage adopted boys.

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