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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, On March 23, 2023, State Representative Charlie 2 Geren is being honored at the State Capitol by representatives of the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo for his 50 years of exceptional 3 service to the organization; and 4 5 WHEREAS, A director of the legendary Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo since 1976, Charlie Geren has saddled up to ride in the Rodeo 6 7 Grand Entry on 1,337 consecutive occasions, never missing a performance, including the 720 since he became a member of the Texas 8 9 House of Representatives in 2001; he has served the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo organization in numerous roles over the years, 10 11 including as vice president and junior steer show superintendent, 12 and he has given generously of his time as a member of the executive committee and the junior heifer committee, among others; 13 14 furthermore, he was the cofounding chair of the calf scramble committee, which was established in 1986; despite the demands of a 15 16 busy schedule, he ably performs his work in the state legislature 17 and at the Stock Show, often traveling back and forth between Austin and Fort Worth; and 18 WHEREAS, Many years ago, when Representative Geren was a 19 delivery driver for the Coca-Cola Company, a door of opportunity 20 opened for him; after making a delivery to the Stock Show grounds, 21 he approached then-Stock Show general manager W. R. Watt Sr. about 22 23 the possibility of securing a job; Mr. Geren was soon working as part of the steer show operation; he has now been actively involved 24

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- 1 for 50 years with the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, a legendary
- 2 event that traces its origins to 1896 and has a local direct
- 3 economic impact of more than \$100 million annually; and
- WHEREAS, Over the course of the past five decades, Charlie
- 5 Geren has made many valuable contributions to the Fort Worth Stock
- 6 Show & Rodeo, and it is indeed a pleasure to join in recognizing him
- 7 for his outstanding work; now, therefore, be it
- 8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
- 9 Legislature hereby commend State Representative Charlie Geren for
- 10 his exceptional service to the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo and
- 11 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
- 12 further
- 13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 14 prepared for Representative Geren as an expression of high regard
- 15 by the Texas House of Representatives.