

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Williams Family Farms was named the 2023 High Cotton
2 Award winner for the Southwest by Farm Press and the Cotton
3 Foundation; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1995, the High Cotton Awards
5 recognize outstanding cotton producers across the country who use
6 regenerative and sustainable practices and who demonstrate genuine
7 concern for the environment through the dedicated stewardship of
8 their land; and

9 WHEREAS, Williams Family Farms is a family operation that
10 includes Mark and Joyce Williams and their three sons, Ryan and his
11 wife, Annie, Russell and his wife, Julie, and Reagan; the family has
12 grown cotton near Farwell for four generations, and within the last
13 decade, the Williamses have expanded their operation 150 miles
14 north to Dalhart, where they currently produce cotton, corn, wheat,
15 and sorghum on roughly 18,000 acres; and

16 WHEREAS, Recognized for its high quality cotton and
17 consistent yields, Williams Family Farms emphasizes the importance
18 of water, timeliness, and variety in its production process; the
19 Williamses are currently converting their irrigated acres from
20 30-inch rows to 40-inch rows in order to help conserve moisture and
21 manage irrigation, and they rotate and halve fields depending on
22 water availability; in addition, they employ a no-till cotton
23 production method on most of their farmland, take soil samples,
24 fertilize primarily with manure, and participate in field trials;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Williams Family Farms has achieved noteworthy
3 success within its industry, and this prestigious accolade is a
4 testament to the family's enduring commitment to cotton production
5 and to the environment as a whole; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate Williams Family Farms on its
8 receipt of the 2023 High Cotton Award for the Southwest and extend
9 to the members of the Williams family sincere best wishes for
10 continued success; and, be it further

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

Smithee

H.R. No. 2538

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2538 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House