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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Wes O'Neal of Holliday was presented with the 2022
2 Working Cowboy Award by the Ranching Heritage Association at the
3 National Golden Spur Award dinner on October 15 in Lubbock; and

4 WHEREAS, The Ranching Heritage Association is a national
5 nonprofit membership organization that supports the programs of the
6 National Ranching Heritage Center at Texas Tech University; the
7 association's Working Cowboy Award recognizes individuals who make
8 their primary living on horseback, caring for livestock; honorees
9 are skilled in all aspects of their trade and are respected by their
10 ranch crew and the ranching community at large; and

11 WHEREAS, Wes O'Neal was born in Clarendon during the Great
12 Depression; his first ranch experience came at the age of 13, when
13 he and his brother broke broncs to help support their family, and
14 his career in the saddle has now spanned nearly eight decades; he
15 worked for the historic JA Ranch in the Texas Panhandle, and in
16 1957, he was hired on at the W. T. Waggoner Ranch, which was the
17 nation's largest ranch under one fence before being sold in 2016; he
18 spent 58 years there, serving as wagon boss with the cattle
19 operation and for a quarter century as horse foreman; thanks in
20 large part to his expert oversight of horse breeding on the ranch,
21 W. T. Waggoner in 1994 received the coveted American Quarter Horse
22 Association Best Remuda Award; today, Mr. O'Neal works for the Four
23 Sixes Ranch near Guthrie; and

24 WHEREAS, An admired role model for younger cowboys across the

1 Lone Star State, Wes O'Neal has furthered the rich legacy of
2 ranching that is so closely tied to the history of Texas, and he is
3 indeed deserving of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
5 hereby congratulate Wes O'Neal on his receipt of the 2022 Ranching
6 Heritage Association Working Cowboy Award and extend to him sincere
7 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. O'Neal as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 Senate.