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H.R. No. 160

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jack Dillard of the East Texas town of Waskom in
2 Harrison County has been named the recipient of the 2003 Regnal
3 Wallace Ag Communicator of the Year award by the Louisiana Farm
4 Bureau Federation, Inc.; and

5 WHEREAS, Presented at the federation's annual convention,
6 held July 10-13 in New Orleans, the tribute recognizes Mr.
7 Dillard's vast contributions as a writer and broadcaster covering
8 agriculture for the Ark-La-Tex area; and

9 WHEREAS, A former Texas county extension agent in Cooke and
10 Gregg counties, Mr. Dillard has written about agriculture for *The*
11 *Shreveport Times* for more than 40 years; he has also shared his
12 expertise with many radio listeners over the course of his career,
13 becoming farm director for KWKH in 1959 and for KRMD in 1978, and
14 establishing Ag Communications in 1986 to provide farm programs for
15 four stations in Carthage and Marshall; since 1968, he has also
16 operated Double D Auction; and

17 WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous accolades, Mr. Dillard has
18 been awarded an honorary degree by the National FFA as well as
19 honorary state farmer degrees by the FFA organizations of Texas,
20 Louisiana, and Arkansas; named Man of the Year in Texas by the Texas
21 Agriculture Extension Service, he has been selected as Louisiana
22 Farm Broadcaster of the Year seven times; and

23 WHEREAS, The Oklahoma native and alumnus of Oklahoma State
24 University served his country as a member of the United States Army,

1 attaining the rank of first lieutenant; he enjoys a rich family life
2 with his wife, four children, and eight grandchildren, and serves
3 his fellow congregants of First Baptist Church as a deacon and
4 Sunday school teacher; and

5 WHEREAS, For more than four decades, through his informed and
6 insightful journalism, Jack Dillard has rendered outstanding
7 service to Ark-La-Tex citizens who seek to stay abreast of
8 agriculture news and activities; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Jack Dillard
11 on his receipt of the 2003 Regnal Wallace Ag Communicator of the
12 Year award from the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation, Inc., and
13 extend to him best wishes for continued success and happiness; and,
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Mr. Dillard as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.