

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Porter Demonstration Farm and the work of the Texas Cooperative Extension in Kaufman County; and

WHEREAS, In 1903, a cooperative effort between Captain J. B. Porter, a farmer in Kaufman County, and the United States Agricultural Extension Service led to the creation of the nation's first experimental farm project, the Porter Demonstration Farm; and

WHEREAS, In October of 1903, techniques proposed by the United States Department of Agriculture to increase agricultural productivity met with great success at the Porter Farm; as a result, a network of farm demonstration agents was soon created to introduce these methods to farmers throughout the nation; moreover, the advances made at the farm led to the founding of the Cooperative Extension Service, known today as the Texas Cooperative Extension; and

WHEREAS, The week of October 19 through 25, 2003, has been designated Farm Demonstration Week, and special events will take place in Terrell and the surrounding area to mark the occasion; individuals representing local, state, and national organizations will participate in the festivities; and

WHEREAS, The Porter Farm has been in continuous operation for 120 years and remains a Porter family enterprise; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Porter family will be in attendance at a special event at the Performing Arts Center in the area on

October 25, 2003; together with many in the community, they will celebrate their family's historic role in Texas agriculture; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend the Porter family members and all associated with the Texas Cooperative Extension in Kaufman County for their invaluable contributions to the field of agriculture and extend best wishes to them for an enjoyable Farm Demonstration Week; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of Porter Demonstration Farm.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 22, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate