

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For 34 years, John W. "Pete" Gipson has been a
2 dedicated employee of the Texas Farm Bureau, and he is most
3 deserving of special recognition as he celebrates his retirement
4 from this esteemed organization; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Gilmer on September 4, 1940, Mr. Gipson
6 graduated from Union Hill High School in 1958; during his high
7 school career, this Texas farm boy established himself as a
8 standout student of animal husbandry, twice raising Grand Champion
9 steers in Upshur County; and

10 WHEREAS, After attending Kilgore Junior College for two
11 years, Mr. Gipson enrolled at Sam Houston State University, where
12 he earned a bachelor's degree in vocational agriculture and a
13 master's degree in education; he taught vocational agriculture to
14 the students of Harmony Independent School District for five years,
15 during which time he married the former Mary Elizabeth Bynum, and
16 they have since been blessed with a loving daughter, Gay; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1969, he joined the Texas Farm Bureau, beginning
18 a long and productive career as a field man representing 22
19 counties; his efforts have earned him numerous awards and honors
20 from FFA chapters in Upshur County, reinforcing his reputation as a
21 leader in his profession; and

22 WHEREAS, A proud husband and father, Mr. Gipson is also a
23 master mason at Bethesda Lodge as well as a member of the Order of
24 the Eastern Star; he is a man of great generosity, compassion, and

1 commitment, and his legacy at the Texas Farm Bureau will not soon be
2 forgotten; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend John W. "Pete"
5 Gipson for his many years of service with the Texas Farm Bureau and
6 extend to him best wishes for a happy and rewarding retirement; and,
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. Gipson as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.

Hughes

H.R. No. 46

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 46 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2004, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House