

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2003 marks the 100th anniversary of the
2 Texas Veterinary Medical Association, and in honor of this
3 milestone April 1, 2003, is Texas Veterinary Medical Association
4 Day at the State Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, Established in 1903, the association's original
6 mission statement was to promote cooperation among its members, to
7 supply a medium for exchange of professional experiences, and to
8 encourage, develop, and protect the veterinary profession within
9 the state; and

10 WHEREAS, The Texas Veterinary Medical Association assisted
11 the Texas Legislature in establishing the first act governing the
12 practice of veterinary medicine and played an important role in the
13 School of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University, which is one
14 of the premier veterinary schools in the United States today; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, the mission of the association is to advance
16 the art and science of veterinary medicine, to protect public
17 health, to promote high educational, ethical, and moral standards
18 within the profession, and to educate the public concerning animal
19 health and its relationship to human health; and

20 WHEREAS, The Texas Veterinary Medical Association currently
21 counts more than 3,000 licensed veterinarians among its members and
22 assists over 30 local veterinary medical associations across the
23 state, and the group provides support services that enable members
24 to practice the best medicine possible; and

1 WHEREAS, The association has produced a number of leaders who
2 have gone on to serve in organized veterinary medicine's highest
3 position, president of the American Veterinary Medical Association
4 (AVMA), including the current unopposed candidate for AVMA
5 president-elect, Dr. Bonnie Beaver; and

6 WHEREAS, For the past century, the Texas Veterinary Medical
7 Association has been an invaluable asset to members, and it will
8 surely continue its illustrious legacy of service to veterinarians
9 and residents of the Lone Star State for the next 100 years; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
12 Legislature hereby honor the Texas Veterinary Medical Association
13 on its 100th anniversary and recognize April 1, 2003, as Texas
14 Veterinary Medical Association Day at the State Capitol; and, be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for the Texas Veterinary Medical Association as an
18 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 609

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 609 was adopted by the House on April 1, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House