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H.R. No. 609

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.