

By: Cook of Navarro

H.R. No. 784

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Family Land Heritage Program of the Texas
2 Department of Agriculture honors properties in Texas that have been
3 owned by the same family and agriculturally productive for more
4 than a century, and this year, the Emmons Rafter E Ranch joins this
5 distinguished roster of Texas properties; and

6 WHEREAS, Located in Freestone County, five miles east of
7 Fairfield, this historical property was purchased in 1902 by Andrew
8 Jackson Emmons, who raised cotton, corn, cattle, and hogs on the
9 land; in the years to follow, his children and grandchildren
10 carried on that tradition, working, living, and raising their
11 families on the fertile Texas soil; and

12 WHEREAS, Now owned by Mr. Emmons's great-grandson, Russell D.
13 Emmons, the ranch is used for raising commercial cattle, hay, and
14 American quarter horses; Russell Emmons currently lives on the
15 ranch with his wife, Kimberly, and their two children, Kendell and
16 Marcus; and

17 WHEREAS, The role of the family farm in Texas history is
18 significant, and it is most appropriate that Andrew Jackson Emmons
19 and his descendants be honored for their enduring contributions to
20 the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
22 Legislature hereby congratulate Russell Emmons on the acceptance of
23 Emmons Rafter E Ranch into the Family Land Heritage Program of the
24 Texas Department of Agriculture; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Mr. Emmons as an expression of high regard by the Texas
3 House of Representatives.