

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the State of Texas
2 takes pleasure in joining citizens across the state in
3 congratulating Russell Don "Red" Steagall on his induction into the
4 National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum's prestigious Hall of
5 Great Westerners; and

6 WHEREAS, Red Steagall was honored at the museum's 42nd
7 Western Heritage Awards ceremonies on April 12, 2003; through his
8 induction into the Hall of Great Westerners, he will join other
9 writers, poets, explorers, Native American leaders, and statesmen
10 who represent the heart and spirit of America's western heritage;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Red also received the 2002 Wrangler Award for his
13 album, *Wagon Tracks*; it is the fifth Wrangler Award he has received
14 for original songs and traditional western albums; and

15 WHEREAS, Red grew up in the Texas Panhandle and earned a
16 degree in animal science from West Texas State University, which
17 has served him well in his quarter horse operation on his ranch west
18 of Fort Worth; and

19 WHEREAS, While in college, Red formed a band and started
20 playing at rodeo dances on the weekends; he eventually formed a
21 publishing company with Jimmy Bowen; he moved to Hollywood in the
22 1960s, and he and Don Lanier penned the song "Here We Go Again,"
23 which was recorded by Ray Charles; Red regards the recording of that
24 song as the turning point in his professional career; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1970, Red recorded "Party Dolls and Wine," the
2 first of his many hits; he takes pride in proclaiming his songs are
3 lyric oriented and that they tell the true story of the
4 cowboy--someone who makes his living on horseback and with the land
5 and who is dedicated to his way of life; and

6 WHEREAS, As a songwriter, Red has had more than 200
7 compositions recorded and has released 26 consecutive records on
8 the national charts and 20 albums; he has published two books
9 embracing the Western lifestyle and has appeared in a number of
10 movies; he has also appeared on numerous television shows and
11 performed in Las Vegas and Reno; and

12 WHEREAS, An exemplary gentleman and a highly acclaimed
13 writer, performer, and rancher, Red Steagall has spent his life
14 preserving and interpreting the cowboy traditions; the Texas
15 Legislature in 1991 proclaimed him the official Cowboy Poet of
16 Texas; and

17 WHEREAS, The master cowboy storyteller has used his music to
18 convey his heartfelt love for a people and a way of life that will
19 continue to exist as long as poets and dreamers, men of character
20 and honor like himself, perpetuate the West in story and song; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of
23 Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Russell Don Steagall for
24 his exceptional talent and many achievements and extend
25 congratulations to him for his induction into the Hall of Great
26 Westerners at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum; and,
27 be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for him
2 as an expression of highest esteem from the Texas House of
3 Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 940 was adopted by the House on April 29, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House