

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The history of the Lone Star State has been richly
2 influenced by family farming and ranching, and Melba and Bryan
3 Stridde of South Texas have now been officially acknowledged as
4 heirs to this proud tradition with the acceptance of the
5 Meyer-Stridde Ranch into the Texas Family Land Heritage Program;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The Family Land Heritage Program recognizes farms
8 and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural operation by
9 the same family for a century or more, and in reaching this
10 remarkable milestone, the Meyer-Stridde Ranch has secured its
11 stature in Texas ranching history; and

12 WHEREAS, Purchased by William and Paulina Meyer in 1905, the
13 original 1,024-acre property was expanded to include more than
14 1,500 acres in 1930; the Meyers raised cattle, horses, corn, and
15 hay; and

16 WHEREAS, Every fall after roundup, Mr. Meyer and his sons
17 would drive the cattle to holding pens in Tynan, where they were
18 loaded on the train and taken to Fort Worth for sale; Mr. Meyer
19 would ride along in the caboose, and his son, Edwin, continued this
20 tradition for many years; and

21 WHEREAS, Today cattle and hay are still the chief products of
22 the ranch, which is now operated by Melba Stridde, the
23 granddaughter of William and Paulina Meyer, and her son, Bryan; and

24 WHEREAS, The rewarding but challenging work of running a

1 sustainable agricultural operation is not only a valuable service
2 to the community but also a vital link to the rich and colorful
3 history that has made the Lone Star State what it is today, and
4 Melba and Bryan Stridde continue to contribute immeasurably to this
5 fine tradition; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
7 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Melba and
8 Bryan Stridde on the acceptance of the Meyer-Stridde Ranch into the
9 Texas Family Land Heritage Program and extend to them sincere best
10 wishes for the future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the family as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 77

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 77 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House