

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 the Mahoney and
3 McDonald families of Atascosa County have now been officially
4 acknowledged as heirs to this proud tradition with the acceptance
5 of the Mahoney-McDonald Ranch into the Texas Family Land Heritage
6 Program; 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 Mahoney-McDonald Ranch has secured its
11 stature in Texas ranching history; and

12 WHEREAS, Purchased by Theodore Washington "T. W." Oden and
13 his stepfather, J. W. Murphy, in 1882, the original 12,000-acre
14 property was used to raise cattle on the open rangelands; and

15 WHEREAS, Over the ensuing years, the ranch was passed down
16 through generations of Mr. Oden's descendents, from his daughter,
17 Ella Mahoney, to his grandchildren, including John Theodore
18 Mahoney, who owns the land today; Mr. Mahoney, his wife, Jo Ann,
19 their daughter, Marci, and her sons, Jasper McDonald and Michael
20 Parker McDonald, continue the family tradition by raising cattle;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, The rewarding but challenging work of running a
23 sustainable agricultural operation is not only a valuable service
24 to the community but also a vital link to the rich and colorful

1 history that has made the Lone Star State what it is today, and the
2 Mahoney and McDonald families continue to contribute immeasurably
3 to this fine tradition; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
5 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate the Mahoney
6 and McDonald families on the acceptance of the Mahoney-McDonald
7 Ranch into the Texas Family Land Heritage Program and extend them
8 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the families as an expression of high regard by the
11 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 82

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 82 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House