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H.R. No. 246

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Clemon L. Montgomery of Fredricksburg has dedicated
2 his professional life to supporting agriculture in the Lone Star
3 State, and his efforts have benefited countless Texans; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Sweetwater, Mr. Montgomery served his
5 country with distinction as a member of the U.S. Navy before
6 attending Sam Houston State University, where he earned a
7 bachelor's degree in agriculture and a master's degree in
8 education; he later pursued graduate studies at Texas Tech
9 University in Lubbock; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1950, he was hired as an instructor for the
11 Veterans' On-the-Farm Training Program and soon after was named
12 chair of the Lamesa High School vocational agriculture department,
13 for which he developed and operated educational programs for more
14 than 150 students; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Montgomery went on to hold a number of other
16 notable positions, serving as area supervisor of vocational
17 agriculture in West Texas, state executive secretary of the FFA,
18 and regional sales manager and coordinator of agricultural research
19 and development for Tenneco, Inc.; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1969, this esteemed gentleman began a tenure with
21 the Texas Department of Agriculture; appointed as director of the
22 Texas Agricultural Products Program, he worked with commodity
23 groups and agricultural leaders to create broader markets and
24 exposure for state farm and ranch production; five years later, he

1 became a state administrator, planning and directing enforcement
2 and service work on the county level; in 1978, he earned the
3 position of chief deputy to the commissioner of agriculture, a role
4 in which he was responsible for the implementation of all
5 activities of the agency, including enforcement of nearly 300 laws
6 by more than 600 employees; in addition to overseeing 12 district
7 supervisors and their workforces, his duties included serving as
8 department liaison to the Texas Legislature and state agricultural
9 groups; and

10 WHEREAS, After his retirement from state employment in 1982,
11 Mr. Montgomery assumed the role of associate vice president of the
12 Texas Federation of Cooperatives and later served as executive vice
13 president of the Texas Cottonseed Crushers Association; he has
14 worked with Agriculture Workers Auto Insurance since 1989 and
15 currently serves the group as board chair; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Montgomery has shared his extensive knowledge
17 and experience with several related organizations as well, serving
18 as chair of the Texas Agricultural Council and the Texas
19 Agricultural Forum and president of the Texas FFA Alumni
20 Association, Vocational Agriculture Teachers, and the Texas
21 Professional Agricultural Workers Association, to name but a few;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, His contributions have earned him many
24 well-deserved accolades; honored for outstanding achievements in
25 agriculture by both the Texas Legislature and the U.S. Department
26 of Agriculture, he received the Texas Forestry Association
27 Distinguished Service Award and became the first person inducted

1 into the FFA Hall of Fame; and

2 WHEREAS, For more than half a century, Clemon Montgomery has
3 worked to enhance the Lone Star State's reputation as an
4 agricultural leader, and the state is all the better for his
5 dedication and vision; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
7 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Clemon L.
8 Montgomery for his contributions to agriculture in the State of
9 Texas and extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it
10 further

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