

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 Dowe Family Ranch joins this  
5 distinguished roster of Texas properties; and

6           WHEREAS, Located in western San Saba County, about five miles  
7 north-northwest of Hall, this historic property was purchased in  
8 1904 by W. S. Adams and his two sons, Thomas Kelly Adams and Matt  
9 Adams; today, the 660-acre ranch, with its scenic rolling hills and  
10 prickly pear cactus, supports a commercial cattle herd as well as  
11 Spanish goats, a llama named "CUSCO," several Longhorn cattle,  
12 including the inaugural cattle couple, "Chile" and "Queso," and  
13 abundant natural wildlife; and

14           WHEREAS, The ranch has figured prominently in the lives of  
15 six generations of the Dowe family, and it remains a welcome retreat  
16 for family gatherings, including weddings, holidays, and summer  
17 celebrations; matriarch Novalene Adams Dowe, the oldest surviving  
18 member of the Dowe family, still visits the ranch regularly and  
19 takes an active role in family and ranch matters; and

20           WHEREAS, Today, the Dowe Family Ranch is held in the name of  
21 Dowe-Adams, Inc., which is owned by Celina Dowe, Lucie Dowe,  
22 Kathleen Dowe, Dee Dee Ranyon Dowe, Frederick David Dowe, Thomas  
23 Kelly Dowe, Sr., and James W. Dowe III--all descendants of W. S.  
24 Adams; and

1           WHEREAS, The Dowe brothers, Jim, Kelly, Fred, and Mike Dowe,  
2 spent many wonderful times with their parents, wives, children, and  
3 grandchildren on the ranch, establishing a legacy as solid as Hill  
4 Country rock, and their efforts have ensured that the ranch will  
5 remain a very special place for memorable family get-togethers for  
6 generations to come; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate the descendants of W. S. Adams on  
9 the acceptance of the Dowe Family Ranch into the Family Land  
10 Heritage Program of the Texas Department of Agriculture; and, be it  
11 further

12           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for the owners of Dowe-Adams, Inc., as an expression of  
14 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 791

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 791 was adopted by the House on March 16, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House