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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The American sport known as rodeo is one of the 2 nation's most distinctive pastimes, and the highly skilled men, 3 women, and young people who have mastered its events are rightly 4 held in high esteem by their appreciative audiences; and

5 WHEREAS, Rodeo's universal appeal makes its practitioners 6 ideal goodwill ambassadors, and the 2004 tour of the People's 7 Republic of China by the American Rodeo Experience confirmed this 8 fact over the course of a dozen performances; and

9 WHEREAS, Although the American Rodeo Experience's status as 10 the first such production to tour China meant that its audiences 11 were largely unfamiliar with the sport's traditions, local crowds 12 quickly warmed to the spectacle, thrilled by their first glimpse of 13 such classic rodeo entertainments as bull riding, bareback and 14 saddle bronc riding, and calf roping; and

WHEREAS, That the American Rodeo Experience delighted 15 Chinese audiences was hardly surprising, given the high standard of 16 rodeo talent assembled for this ground-breaking tour, and among 17 18 those contributing to the success of this exciting international venture were co-producers Casey Harp and Stoney Field, coordinator 19 Glenn McIlvain, Norm Caja, Tanner Lal, Shaun Strickland, Aaron 20 21 Brewer, Drew Mangus, Tony Booths, Deric Parks, Tony Nordahl, Cody 22 Wortham, Doug Fish, Aaron Means, Jason Pierce, Casey Hayn, Scotty 23 McCoi, Dale Jefferson, and Phillip, Julie, Rider, and Roper 24 Kiesner; and

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1 WHEREAS, Through their outstanding performances, these 2 exceptional rodeo artists have not only provided top-flight 3 entertainment to countless individuals around the world but also 4 opened new avenues of communication and understanding between the 5 peoples of the world; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas 7 Legislature hereby congratulate the participants in the American 8 Rodeo Experience tour of China and extend to them sincere best 9 wishes for continued success.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1011 was adopted by the House on April 22, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House