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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Grain & Feed Association (TGFA)  
2 are gathering at the State Capitol on April 26, 2005, to celebrate  
3 their organization's accomplishments; and

4           WHEREAS, The TGFA is the oldest trade association and one of  
5 the most diverse agricultural organizations in the state; it  
6 provides rules and regulations of standards of behavior for its  
7 members, representatives from the grain and feed industry, and  
8 promotes ethical and credible practices in grain and feed  
9 manufacturing; and

10           WHEREAS, In 1898, due to increased corn yields, wheat prices,  
11 and market volumes, a growing volume of business encouraged Texas  
12 grain dealers to create a more stable and equitable work  
13 environment; the grain dealers wanted to create a trade  
14 organization that would enforce rules for fair business practices  
15 among dealers, millers, and others involved in the purchase and  
16 sale of grain; in September 1898, some 40 individuals gathered for  
17 the organization of the new Texas Grain Dealers Association under  
18 the leadership of elected president J. P. Harrison of  
19 Pittman-Harrison Grain Company in Sherman; the first annual meeting  
20 of the organization was held in Fort Worth on May 8 and 9, 1899; and

21           WHEREAS, Members of the association developed the rules of  
22 trade, still in use today, and the constitution, which declared a  
23 mission statement: the Texas Grain Dealers Association would seek  
24 to establish uniform standards of weights and grades, regulate

1 freight rates, protect against unjust claims, and advance and  
2 protect the common interests of grain dealers; and

3       WHEREAS, The original creation of the TGFA reflected the  
4 emergence of commerce and civilization on the frontier, while today  
5 the association gives businesses a way to succeed in a fast-paced  
6 environment through market protection, representation, education,  
7 networking, and member programs; now with more than 500 member  
8 firms, the association is one of the most diverse agricultural  
9 organizations in the state, and it is appropriate to take this  
10 opportunity to honor it; now, therefore, be it

11       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby recognize April 26, 2005, as Texas Grain & Feed  
13 Association Day at the State Capitol and extend to the  
14 association's members sincere best wishes for the future; and, be  
15 it further

16       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for the Texas Grain & Feed Association as an expression of  
18 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.