

By: Escobar

H.R. No. 1301

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. John Phillip Toelkes of Kingsville is retiring  
2 from his position as the veterinarian for King Ranch, bringing to a  
3 close a tenure with that South Texas enterprise that has spanned  
4 nearly three decades; and

5           WHEREAS, Since 1978, Dr. Toelkes has served as the  
6 veterinarian of one of the largest working ranches in the country;  
7 not only responsible for the health and well-being of King Ranch's  
8 livestock, he has also managed its quarter horses and their  
9 breeding program and implemented the continuing education of  
10 livestock personnel; and

11           WHEREAS, Named an Outstanding Alumnus of the Texas A&M  
12 University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2005, Dr. Toelkes has  
13 enjoyed a long and distinguished career in veterinary medicine; he  
14 has practiced alone and in partnerships at clinics throughout  
15 Texas, Oklahoma, and Arizona, garnered valuable experience while  
16 working with the United States Department of Agriculture, and  
17 gained an international perspective on his profession as a  
18 veterinary assistant in Peru; moreover, he served his country as a  
19 Hospital Corpsman, stationed at both the United States Naval  
20 Hospital in Philadelphia and on the USS *Henrico*; and

21           WHEREAS, Currently a member of the city/county health board,  
22 Dr. Toelkes has further supported his professional community as a  
23 member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Texas  
24 Veterinary Medical Association, American Association of Equine

1 Practitioners, American Association of Bovine Practitioners, and  
2 the Academy of Veterinary Consultants; and

3 WHEREAS, For 27 years, Dr. John Toelkes has cared for the  
4 horses and cattle of King Ranch and, in so doing, he has made an  
5 invaluable contribution to the culture, heritage, and economy of  
6 the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. John Phillip Toelkes on his  
9 retirement as the veterinarian for King Ranch and extend to him  
10 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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