

By: Escobar

H.R. No. 1536

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Dr. John Phillip Toelkes of Kingsville has enjoyed  
2 an exceptional career as the veterinarian for King Ranch that has  
3 spanned nearly three decades; and

4           WHEREAS, Beginning in 1978, Dr. Toelkes served as the  
5 veterinarian of one of the largest working ranches in the country,  
6 and although he officially retired two years ago, he continues to  
7 lend his expertise to the South Texas enterprise on a part-time  
8 basis; throughout the years he has been responsible for the health  
9 and well-being of King Ranch's livestock and has also managed its  
10 quarter horses and their breeding program and implemented the  
11 continuing education of livestock personnel as well; and

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