

By: Flynn

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Canton residents Don and Ann Metch have been honored
2 by the Texas Polled Hereford Association (TPHA) in recognition of
3 their service to the organization and their contributions to
4 agriculture in the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, Active in the TPHA since their move to Texas in 1982,
6 Mr. and Mrs. Metch have been invaluable members of the
7 organization, giving generously of their time, talents, and noted
8 leadership abilities; Mr. Metch is a former vice president and
9 president and served as a director from 1988 to 1991; Mrs. Metch, a
10 director of the Texas Poll-ettes from 1985 to 1987, held the offices
11 of vice president and president and had the distinction of being the
12 first voting member of the Poll-ettes on the TPHA Board of
13 Directors; and

14 WHEREAS, This notable couple have been excelling in the field
15 of agriculture since their days as members of 4-H, when they first
16 met; they became involved with Hereford cattle in 1969, following
17 working in the dairy business and crop farming in New Jersey, and
18 today, their 410-acre Texas ranch has grown from nine animals to
19 more than 155 registered Polled Herefords and 10 recipient cows,
20 seven of which have been named Dams of Distinction; they also own a
21 nursery brokerage company, selling plants and trees in Texas,
22 Oklahoma, and New Mexico; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Metch is a past chairman of the Texas Harvest
24 Sale, which he helped organize, a member of the Texas Association of

1 Nurserymen, and secretary and treasurer of the Van Zandt County
2 Farm Bureau; he volunteered for 17 years as a beef club leader with
3 4-H, helping countless young people win state and national awards,
4 and both Mr. and Mrs. Metch have served as delegates to the State
5 Farm Bureau convention and commodity conference; Mr. Metch received
6 the 1991 outstanding Van Zandt County Beef Producer Award, and he
7 was named 1998 Agriculturalist of the Year; Mrs. Metch was named
8 Texas Poll-ette of the Year in 1988; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Metch are active members of the Four
10 Mile Lutheran Church, where she is part of the Altar Guild and he is
11 the cemetery chairman and a former president of the church council;
12 they are also charter members of the Van Zandt County Republican
13 Club; in addition, Mrs. Metch has served as a precinct chairman and
14 election judge, and both have attended the Republican state
15 convention as delegates for the past 22 years; and

16 WHEREAS, With their continuing hard work and dedication to
17 excellence, Don and Ann Metch are making a positive difference in
18 the lives and economic well-being of many, and they are most
19 deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Don and Ann Metch on their
22 selection as 2007 Honorees of the Texas Polled Hereford Association
23 and extend to them best wishes for the future; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Metch as an expression of high regard by
26 the Texas House of Representatives.