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H.R. No. 263

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In recognition of their outstanding skills as  
2 living-history interpreters, the Badland Texas Rangers have been  
3 named the primary reenactment group for the Texas Ranger Hall of  
4 Fame and Museum in Waco; and

5           WHEREAS, Based in Uvalde County, this nonprofit organization  
6 is dedicated to educating the public about the Rangers, the  
7 esteemed military and law-enforcement agency that began operation  
8 in the early 19th century; the Badland group specializes in  
9 re-creating Company D of the Rangers' Frontier Battalion as it  
10 appeared in the era between 1874 and 1901; and

11           WHEREAS, Employing clothing, tools, and weapons that are  
12 meticulously true to the period, the group brings the past to life  
13 and allows audiences to get a close-up look at an engaging chapter  
14 in Texas history; in existence for more than a decade, the Badland  
15 Texas Rangers have presented programs throughout the state,  
16 educating and entertaining both schoolchildren and adults; and

17           WHEREAS, In their new role as the primary reenactment group  
18 for the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum, the Badland Texas  
19 Rangers will present living-history programs at the Waco museum and  
20 will be able to draw upon that institution's extensive historical  
21 resources to enhance their presentations; moreover, the two  
22 entities will collaborate on a number of new educational endeavors,  
23 including a planned Junior Ranger summer camp; and

24           WHEREAS, The Badland Texas Rangers play an important role in

1 teaching Texans about the rich heritage of the Texas Rangers; by  
2 conveying that history is more than an accumulation of dates and  
3 names but is instead a saga of enterprising citizens meeting the  
4 challenges of their time, these reenactors create a deeper  
5 reverence for the past and inspire new thinking about the present;  
6 now, therefore, be it

7         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate the Badland Texas Rangers on their  
9 designation as the primary historical reenactment group for the  
10 Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco and commend the members  
11 of the group for their efforts to educate the public about the  
12 legacy of the Lone Star State; and, be it further

13         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for the Badland Texas Rangers as an expression of high  
15 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.