

By: Parker

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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, David and Susan Kleven of Animal Edutainment, Inc.,  
2 of Aubrey, in association with the Animal Planet cable network, are  
3 presenting animals from the Frank Buck Zoo in Gainesville on the  
4 grounds of the State Capitol on February 21, 2007, to the delight of  
5 all those in attendance; and

6           WHEREAS, Founded by the Klevens in 1990 and named as "Best  
7 Traveling Zoo" in *D Magazine's* Best of Dallas issue in 2003, Animal  
8 Edutainment introduces wildlife to the public through "safaris" at  
9 school assemblies, libraries, corporate events, and other venues  
10 all over North Texas and beyond; the organization's animal care  
11 facility is home to over 50 orphaned, injured, or cast-off animals;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, David Kleven, also known as "Critterman" to his many  
14 young fans, trained at America's Teaching Zoo at Moorpark College  
15 in California; he has worked with animals at the Los Angeles and San  
16 Diego Zoos and at Universal Studios and has also appeared in  
17 segments of the Animal Planet series *The Most Extreme*; and

18           WHEREAS, Texas native Susan Kleven, also known as "Safari  
19 Sue," graduated from Pearce High School in Richardson and attended  
20 the University of North Texas; she trained as well at America's  
21 Teaching Zoo and has also appeared with her husband on Animal  
22 Planet; the president of the Association of Professional Wildlife  
23 Educators, she is also director of the Frank Buck Zoo in  
24 Gainesville, which is named after the famous explorer and

1 Gainesville native, Frank "Bring 'Em Back Alive" Buck; and

2           WHEREAS, In their appearance today on the grounds of the  
3 State Capitol, David and Susan Kleven are presenting animals from  
4 the Frank Buck Zoo that hail from throughout the world; these  
5 include an American alligator, a beaver, a ring-tail lemur, a  
6 turkey vulture, and a great horned owl; and

7           WHEREAS, David and Susan Kleven and Animal Edutainment bring  
8 joy and information about the world's wildlife to enraptured  
9 children and other audiences all over Texas, and nationwide through  
10 their television appearances, and it is a pleasure to welcome them  
11 to the Capitol; now, therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby honor David and Susan Kleven for their  
14 outstanding work through Animal Edutainment, Inc., and the Frank  
15 Buck Zoo and commend them for introducing the wonders of wildlife to  
16 so many appreciative Texans.