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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Seiji Yamaguchi has been instrumental in
establishing Texas Farm as a leading business in Perryton; and

3 WHEREAS, A subsidiary of the Japanese corporation Nippon Meat 4 Packers, Texas Farm is an industry leader in pork production; 5 employing more than 300 workers, the company has become a valuable 6 contributor to the economy of Perryton over the past 12 years, with 7 annual sales of \$92 million; and

8 WHEREAS, The farm was established in the Lone Star State 9 through the combined recruitment efforts of the Texas Department of 10 Commerce, the Texas Department of Agriculture, and other economic 11 development institutions; at the time of its founding, Texas Farm 12 represented the single largest investment in American agriculture 13 by a Japanese business, with an initial investment of \$100 million; 14 and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yamaguchi moved to Perryton from Osaka, Japan, in 1995 to oversee the establishment of Texas Farm; in the years since, he and the company have embodied the spirit of community partnership by contributing thousands of hours of volunteer service to Perryton, Ochiltree County, and the greater Panhandle region; and

21 WHEREAS, In recognition of the contributions of Mr. Yamaguchi 22 and Texas Farm, the community leaders of Perryton nominated Texas 23 Farm for the National Points of Light Foundation Community Champion 24 Award; and

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1 WHEREAS, Recently promoted to a senior management position 2 with Nippon Meat Packers, Mr. Yamaguchi will be returning to Tokyo 3 with his wife, Seiko, and their children, Shota and Yuta, and they 4 leave behind many friends who wish them well as they start this new 5 chapter of their lives; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 7 Legislature hereby commend Seiji Yamaguchi for his role in 8 establishing Texas Farm as a major business in Perryton and 9 congratulate him on his promotion with Nippon Meat Packers; and, be 10 it further

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