

By: Kleinschmidt

H.R. No. 148

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bob Stallman has performed exemplary service in
2 behalf of farmers across the state of Texas and throughout the
3 nation as president of the American Farm Bureau Federation; and

4 WHEREAS, First elected to his leadership post in 2000, Mr.
5 Stallman is the group's 11th president and the first from the Lone
6 Star State; during his time in office, he has done an outstanding
7 job of carrying forth the AFBF mission of promoting the national
8 well-being of farm and ranch families, and his success stems from
9 his many years of personal involvement in agriculture; and

10 WHEREAS, After graduating with honors from The University of
11 Texas in 1974, Mr. Stallman joined his family's farming operation
12 in 1975; today, he continues to be a leading rice and cattle
13 producer in Columbus; and

14 WHEREAS, This outstanding Texan's long service to the
15 agricultural community began with his election to the board of
16 directors of the Colorado County Farm Bureau in 1977; in 1993, he
17 became president of the Texas Farm Bureau, and he joined the AFBF
18 board the following year, serving on various committees and as
19 chair of the 1998 Farm Economy Committee; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to his work with state and national Farm
21 Bureau organizations, Mr. Stallman has been a member of the
22 Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade and the Farm
23 Foundation board of trustees since 2001; moreover, he serves on the
24 advisory board of the World Agricultural Forum and on the Texas A&M

1 College of Agriculture Development Council; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Stallman's expertise in farming, trade, and
3 economic issues has led to his appointment to a variety of important
4 government committees at the state and federal level; in 1996,
5 Governor George W. Bush selected him to serve on the Citizen's
6 Committee on Property Tax Relief, and in 2007, President Bush named
7 him to the White House Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and
8 Negotiations; in addition, Mr. Stallman has been appointed to the
9 U.S. State Department Advisory Committee on International Economic
10 Policy and the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture;
11 highly respected by his colleagues, he was recognized with the
12 Friend of Texas A&M Agriculture Award in 1999; and

13 WHEREAS, In his nine years of service as AFBF president and in
14 his myriad other roles, Bob Stallman has been a resourceful and
15 effective champion of agriculture and an authoritative voice in
16 economic affairs, and his work has been of great assistance to the
17 Texas farm industry; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
19 Legislature hereby commend Bob Stallman for his tenure as president
20 of the American Farm Bureau Federation and extend to him sincere
21 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Mr. Stallman as an expression of high regard by the
24 Texas House of Representatives.