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H.R. No. 591

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Black History Month observances are taking place  
2 during February 2009, and this occasion provides a fitting  
3 opportunity to pay tribute to celebrated rodeo rider Harold Cash of  
4 Texas City for his achievements as a champion cowboy and community  
5 leader; and

6           WHEREAS, Born in Galveston County on December 26, 1948,  
7 Harold Cash grew up during the era when the civil rights movement  
8 was bringing about significant changes in the United States, and he  
9 drew inspiration from the campaign for greater equality; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Cash began his rodeo career in 1967 as a  
11 competitor in the All-American Rodeo Association; he won acclaim  
12 for his exceptional abilities in bareback riding, considered one of  
13 the most demanding rodeo events; courageously riding powerful,  
14 untamed horses without the benefit of a saddle or reins, he turned  
15 in championship-winning performances that thrilled rodeo fans in  
16 major cities all across the nation and earned the lasting respect of  
17 his fellow cowboys; and

18           WHEREAS, The success Mr. Cash enjoyed in the rodeo arena made  
19 him a role model, and he has since devoted himself to serving as a  
20 mentor to area young people; he has placed a special emphasis on  
21 providing educational assistance to those of limited financial  
22 means, and his efforts have included seeking support for  
23 scholarship programs and other initiatives among the members of the  
24 rodeo community; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Cash was a longtime employee at Amoco, and he  
2 retired from the company after 27 years of service; in recent years,  
3 his activities have included work with the Over the Hill and Future  
4 Cowboy Rodeo Association, based in Texas City, and his  
5 contributions to that nonprofit organization have provided further  
6 benefits to the residents of Galveston County; and

7           WHEREAS, Harold Cash is a living legend who has helped  
8 underscore the significant role that African Americans have played  
9 in the sport of rodeo and in other aspects of the Lone Star State's  
10 western heritage, and his many accomplishments are indeed deserving  
11 of recognition; now, therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to Harold Cash for his  
14 accomplishments as a rodeo cowboy and civic leader and extend to him  
15 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it  
16 further

17           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Mr. Cash as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
19 House of Representatives.