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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Santa Rosa Palomino Club is celebrating its 60th
2 anniversary in 2009, and this milestone provides a fitting
3 opportunity to honor an organization that is recognized as one of
4 the nation's premier western riding clubs; and

5 WHEREAS, Based in Vernon, in Wilbarger County, the Santa Rosa
6 Palomino Club has been a featured attraction at rodeos, equestrian
7 events, and charity benefits throughout the southwestern United
8 States; mounted on beautifully matched palomino horses, the club
9 members delight audiences with their precision riding maneuvers and
10 their colorful flags and attire; and

11 WHEREAS, The Santa Rosa riders have proven their abilities in
12 competition; they have twice won the National Drill Team
13 Championships and have claimed more than 400 first-place trophies
14 from parade appearances in Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Colorado, New
15 Mexico, Tennessee, Indiana, Wyoming, and Alabama; the national
16 stature of the club has been further boosted through coverage in
17 books and national magazines and through appearances on television
18 programs, including the *Today* show; and

19 WHEREAS, On the occasion of its 40th anniversary in 1989, the
20 club was designated as the official Ambassadors on Horseback for
21 the State of Texas by the 71st Texas Legislature, a title that it
22 continues to hold today; the organization has ridden in two
23 governor's inaugural parades and participated in numerous other
24 events in which it has represented the Lone Star State; and

1 WHEREAS, Through the years, more than 200 skilled equestrian
2 enthusiasts have been members of the organization, including second
3 and third generation family members and a number of Wilbarger
4 County's leading citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, Renowned for their charity work, club members have
6 made appearances at schools and hospitals across Texas over the
7 course of 30 years, spending countless hours giving horseback rides
8 to disabled children; in addition, they have provided horses and
9 activities for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and have performed in
10 fund-raising events to aid rehabilitation centers and to assist in
11 the fight against diseases such as cancer, diabetes, and multiple
12 sclerosis; and

13 WHEREAS, The club sponsored and produced the Santa Rosa
14 Roundup for many years, continuing a tradition begun by the late E.
15 Paul Waggoner to bring the best in professional rodeo to North
16 Texas, and the club continues to support the rodeo through
17 countless hours of work by members and as a featured specialty act
18 at the event; and

19 WHEREAS, For six decades, Santa Rosa Palomino Club has
20 distinguished itself as a top-rank riding group that has admirably
21 devoted its time and talents to benefit others, and the group's
22 efforts have helped to further the proud western heritage of the
23 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
25 Legislature hereby congratulate the Santa Rosa Palomino Club on its
26 60th anniversary and extend to its members best wishes for
27 continued success; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for the club as an expression of high regard by the Texas
3 House of Representatives.