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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Live Oak Beefmaster Breeders Association is
2 celebrating the 35th anniversary of its founding in 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, In the early 1930s, rancher Tom Lasater of Duval and
4 Brooks Counties developed the Beefmaster breed by crossing
5 Hereford, Shorthorn, and Brahman cattle; officially recognized as a
6 pure breed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1954,
7 Beefmaster cattle thrive in the climate of South Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, The organization Beefmaster Breeders United (BBU)
9 was formed in 1961, and in 1974, the Live Oak Beefmaster Breeders
10 Association (LOBBA) was founded as an official satellite to the
11 BBU, working to assist Beefmaster breeders in Live Oak County and
12 neighboring counties in marketing their cattle; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1977, LOBBA's members financed and built the
14 Beefmaster barn and auction ring at the Live Oak County
15 Fairgrounds, donating the barn to the Fair Association in 1984; the
16 association sponsors three cattle auctions a year at the facility,
17 drawing buyers from across the South and the Southwest, as well as
18 from Mexico; and

19 WHEREAS, LOBBA auctions have generated more than \$14 million
20 in cattle sales and contributed over \$3.5 million to the economy of
21 Live Oak County; the association has also donated \$25,000 to the
22 South Texas Children's Home and \$15,000 to the Junior Beefmaster
23 Breeders Association; it has sponsored a number of educational
24 events; and

1 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of president Ricardo O.
2 Carrillo and vice president Lawrence Lyssy, the Live Oak Beefmaster
3 Breeders Association continues to play a vital role in the growth
4 and prosperity of South Texas, and its members may take great pride
5 in their many contributions to the economy and to the culture of
6 cattle ranching; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature hereby commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Live Oak
9 Beefmaster Breeders Association and extend to its members sincere
10 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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