

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Cattle have been raised in Texas since the mid-18th
2 century when the Spanish established missions; and

3 WHEREAS, Beginning in the 1860s, ranching expanded rapidly;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The first cattle drives on the legendary Chisholm
6 and Goodnight-Loving Trails headed north from Texas toward the
7 markets and railheads in Kansas; and

8 WHEREAS, After interstate railroads were established in
9 Texas during the 1870s, cattle drives to the Midwest became
10 unnecessary, and communities such as Fort Worth and Amarillo became
11 points where herds were amassed and railed across the United
12 States; and

13 WHEREAS, The dramatic growth of cattle feeding in Texas,
14 beginning in the 1950s, has made our state a leading provider of the
15 grain-fed beef desired by consumers around the world, supplying
16 almost a third of the nation's fed beef; and

17 WHEREAS, Texas is the number one cattle-producing state with
18 an inventory of 13.8 million cattle and calves; and

19 WHEREAS, The Texas cattle industry contributes almost \$8
20 billion in cash receipts and has a direct impact of \$15 billion to
21 the state's economy; and

22 WHEREAS, Cattle production accounts for more than 70 percent
23 of livestock cash receipts and almost half the total for all
24 agriculture products in Texas; and

1 WHEREAS, Cattle production has played a prominent role in the
2 culture and legacy of Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, Texas cattlemen have a proud heritage of animal
4 husbandry and land stewardship that continues to be strong today;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor these dedicated producers and their
8 contribution to the economy and culture of our state and recognize
9 April 1, 2009, as Texas Cattlemen's Day at the State Capitol.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1145 was adopted by the House on April 1, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House