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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.