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# RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Texas farmers and ranchers play an important role in  
2 the lives of people worldwide; and

3 WHEREAS, Facing ever-increasing challenges, agricultural  
4 producers continue to fulfill an enduring legacy, ensuring that  
5 people everywhere have an abundant, reliable, and affordable supply  
6 of food, natural fiber, and other agricultural products; and

7 WHEREAS, Agriculture is the second-largest resource-based  
8 industry in Texas, generating more than \$103 billion for the  
9 economy in 2007 and providing employment for one out of every seven  
10 Texans; and

11 WHEREAS, Texas leads other states in the production of  
12 cotton, cattle, sheep, goats, wool, mohair, hay, and biodiesel; it  
13 is the second-largest agricultural producer in the nation, and it  
14 ranks third in the United States in exports, with more than \$5  
15 billion earned in 2007; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition to being the fifth-largest wine  
17 producing state in the nation, Texas is a key producer of olives,  
18 with an estimated 250 tons harvested in 2008; and

19 WHEREAS, Agriculture also plays a major role in water  
20 conservation, rural economic development, global trade, and the  
21 preservation of the environment; and

22 WHEREAS, This vital industry continues to meet the basic  
23 needs of the world for food and clothing, while also contributing to  
24 the manufacture of such useful everyday goods as laundry detergent

1 and toothpaste, and it is additionally the source of leading  
2 advancements in medicine, biotechnology, and food safety; and

3 WHEREAS, The people of this state owe an immeasurable debt of  
4 gratitude to Texas farmers and ranchers for all they contribute to  
5 the health and well-being of all our citizens, and a special day to  
6 honor the Texas agriculture industry is most fitting; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
9 Legislature hereby recognize April 2, 2009, as Agriculture Day in  
10 Texas and extend best wishes to all those involved in agricultural  
11 production in the state.