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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Frontier Times Museum in Bandera is honoring
2 nine extraordinary Texans by inducting them into its new Texas
3 Heroes Hall of Honor on the National Day of the American Cowboy,
4 July 25, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, The museum was founded in 1933 to house the Western
6 memorabilia collected by J. Marvin Hunter, the publisher of
7 *Frontier Times* magazine and author of *The Authentic History of Sam*
8 *Bass and His Gang*; and

9 WHEREAS, The museum's first annual Hall of Honor celebration
10 recognizes the pioneering spirit, strength of character, and
11 contributions to Texas culture of three posthumous inductees and
12 six living legends; and

13 WHEREAS, One of the inaugural Hall of Honor posthumous
14 inductees is Mr. Hunter, for his preservation of firsthand accounts
15 of early settlers and for fostering interest in frontier history;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The second posthumous inductee is the noted Texas
18 historian and author, J. Frank Dobie, who collected stories and
19 legends of the Southwest for his many books about Western life and
20 culture; and

21 WHEREAS, Also inducted posthumously is Maudeen Marks, an
22 admired Texas rancher who helped start the Houston Fat Stock Show
23 and Rodeo, the Salt Grass Trail Ride, and the Texas Longhorn
24 Breeders Association of America; and

1 WHEREAS, The inductees in the Living Legend category include
2 the 1957 World Champion calf roper Ray Wharton, who has encouraged
3 and mentored generations of rodeo riders; and

4 WHEREAS, Cleo Hearn, a member of the Professional Rodeo
5 Cowboys Association since 1959, is the founder of the Cowboys of
6 Color Rodeo, highlighting the contributions all cultures and races
7 have made to the history of the West; and

8 WHEREAS, Kevin Fitzpatrick, the 2008 World Champion trick
9 roper, serves as an ambassador for the cowboy way of life,
10 delighting and charming audiences through his skill with a rope;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Joe Bowman has demonstrated the art of the "fast
13 draw" around the world, instructing members of the FBI, the Texas
14 Rangers, and other law enforcement agencies in the handling of
15 firearms and sharing his skills with many movie stars; and

16 WHEREAS, Terry Boothe is a preservationist of Texas culture,
17 promoting Texas holidays and helping to found the Texas Cultural
18 Heritage Preservation Association; and

19 WHEREAS, One of the founders of the San Antonio Charro
20 Association, Dr. Raul Gaona, Sr., works to reinforce the strong
21 ties between Texas and Mexico, promoting classical Mexican culture
22 in the Lone Star State; and

23 WHEREAS, The many achievements of the 2009 Hall of Honor
24 inductees contribute greatly to the richness and diversity of Texas
25 culture and heritage, and they may take great pride in this special
26 recognition from the Frontier Times Museum; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate the 2009 inductees of the Frontier
2 Times Museum Texas Heroes Hall of Honor and honor them for their
3 enduring contributions to the Lone Star State; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the living legend honorees as an expression of high
6 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.