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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Rich Tillman of Brazoria County has earned the  
2 Community Builder Award from St. John's Masonic Lodge of West  
3 Columbia; and

4           WHEREAS, Created by the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1991, the  
5 Community Builder Award recognizes non-Masons who have  
6 distinguished themselves through exceptional service to the  
7 community; and

8           WHEREAS, Mr. Tillman has served as Marine Agent with the  
9 Texas AgriLife Extension Service for more than a quarter-century,  
10 including 13 years in Aransas and San Patricio Counties and 13 years  
11 in Brazoria County; and

12           WHEREAS, Dedicated to introducing children to the wonders of  
13 nature and the natural resources that abound on the Gulf Coast, Mr.  
14 Tillman has made a positive difference in thousands of young lives;  
15 in addition to his work with the Something's Fishy program, which  
16 teaches fourth graders about marine life, he hosts trips to the  
17 Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge for more than 3,000 students each  
18 year through a program with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and

19           WHEREAS, Mr. Tillman has shared his time with local 4-H  
20 programs, and he has contributed to the success of many of its  
21 participants; his efforts have also inspired many adults to  
22 volunteer their services, and he has helped train more than 100  
23 Texas Master Naturalist Volunteers in Brazoria County through a  
24 program offered by Texas A&M University and the Texas Parks and

1 Wildlife Department; and

2           WHEREAS, Those individuals who step forward to share their  
3 talents with others are indeed deserving of our profound admiration  
4 and gratitude, and it is a pleasure to honor Rich Tillman, who has  
5 enriched the lives of countless individuals with his legacy of  
6 community involvement; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Rich Tillman on earning the  
9 Community Builder Award from St. John's Masonic Lodge and extend to  
10 him sincere best wishes for continued success with his important  
11 work; and, be it further

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