

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Bluebonnet Youth Ranch near Yoakum has made a
2 positive difference in the lives of Texas children for four
3 decades; and

4 WHEREAS, This nonprofit organization dates back to 1968, when
5 a group of Yoakum businessmen pooled their funds to provide a home
6 for five needy siblings; they soon discovered, however, the need
7 for licensing by the state; word spread through the community, and
8 following a generous donation of 45 acres and a successful
9 fund-raising campaign, they were able to open an official
10 residential home for dependent, abused, and neglected children; and

11 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Bluebonnet Youth Ranch has
12 cared for nearly 400 children from infancy to 18 years of age;
13 residents live in one of three cottages on the property, each
14 overseen by a permanent set of houseparents, and participate in
15 such day-to-day activities as household chores, recreation, and
16 study; they attend school and church in the community and help tend
17 to the ranch's animals and garden; and

18 WHEREAS, Bluebonnet works to further the education of any
19 child who graduates while in its care by assisting with both
20 financial and emotional support, and it also helps residents with
21 career planning; and

22 WHEREAS, Demonstrating an unwavering commitment to the
23 health and well-being of children and youth, the Bluebonnet Youth
24 Ranch benefits society as a whole, and its notable history is indeed

1 deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor the Bluebonnet Youth Ranch near Yoakum on
4 its 40th anniversary and extend to all those associated with the
5 ranch sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Bluebonnet Youth Ranch as an expression of high regard
8 by the Texas House of Representatives.

Morrison

H.R. No. 2146

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2146 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House