

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, John H. Turner, Jr., of Ferris has earned the Texas  
2 Farm Bureau District 4 Pioneer Award for his significant  
3 contributions to the association and to agriculture statewide; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Turner joined the Ellis County Farm Bureau in  
5 1957, and he has served as its president and county board member; at  
6 the county level, he has been a member of the legislative, policy  
7 development, and public relations and parade committees; his other  
8 responsibilities for the Farm Bureau have included committee  
9 assignments for food check-out week, resolutions, membership, and  
10 the Donald Patman election campaign; and

11           WHEREAS, Named Outstanding Conservation Farmer in 1963, Mr.  
12 Turner also received the 2007 Family Land Heritage award and was  
13 honored with the American Legion 50-Year Recognition award; his  
14 outstanding contributions to farming include service on the board  
15 of the Integrated Pest Management program, the County Livestock  
16 Committee, and the Screwworm Eradication program; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Turner has been president of the Ferris Coop Gin  
18 and a board member of the Agricultural Stabilization and  
19 Conservation Service and the Farmers Home Administration and served  
20 on the planning committee for the County Cotton Festival; in  
21 addition, he was a demonstrator for seed varieties, chairman of the  
22 County Program Building committee, and host of the local television  
23 *Country Reporter* broadcast; and

24           WHEREAS, This active community leader has assumed the

1 responsibilities of director of the Ferris Area Chamber of Commerce  
2 and further contributed to the County Tax Equalization and County  
3 Jury Selection Pool, the FFA finance committee, and the local 4-H;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The agriculture industry contributes vitally to the  
6 economic prosperity of the Lone Star State, and John Turner's  
7 tireless efforts to support important agricultural organizations  
8 and his notable achievements in farming truly merit special  
9 recognition and praise; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate John H. Turner, Jr., of Ferris on  
12 earning the Pioneer Award from the Texas Farm Bureau District 4 and  
13 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success in all of  
14 his endeavors; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for Mr. Turner as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
17 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2695

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2695 was adopted by the House on May 31, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House