SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Bob Stallman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, for his many contributions to the better interests of American agriculture; and

WHEREAS, A rice and cattle producer from Columbus, Texas, Mr. Stallman is the 11th president in the history of this outstanding organization and the first from the Lone Star State; he has served on its board of directors since 1994; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stallman graduated with honors from The University of Texas at Austin in 1974; he has been an influential voice on agricultural policy for many years; and

voice on agricultural policy for many years; and WHEREAS, Mr. Stallman has served on numerous state and federal committees, including the Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade and the Citizen's Committee on Property Tax Relief; he also serves on the board of trustees of the Farm Foundation and on the advisory board of the World Agricultural Forum; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, President George W. Bush appointed Mr. Stallman to serve as a member of the White House Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations, designated to advise the president and Congress on proposed trade agreements; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stallman understands the importance of good agricultural policy and its effect on the nation's food supply, economy, and trade; he is truly deserving of recognition for his outstanding service on behalf of the American farmer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Bob Stallman for his exemplary service to our state and nation as president of the American Farm Bureau Federation and extend to him best wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 28, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate