

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 505

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Karl Stressman, commissioner of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, and all the cowboys from Texas who advanced to the National Finals Rodeo; and

WHEREAS, As the ancestral home of the American cowboy, Texas holds the sport of rodeo and its skilled practitioners in very high regard; and

WHEREAS, According to legend, the sport of rodeo was born on Independence Day in 1869 when two groups of cowboys from neighboring ranches met to settle a dispute over who best performed the everyday tasks of ranching; and

WHEREAS, Today's professional rodeo cowboy differs in some ways from his 19th-century counterpart, but hard work and showmanship are still valued by today's competitors; the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association was created to give cowboys an effective and unified voice on the rodeo circuit, ensure fairness to all participants, and promote the highest levels of competition; and

WHEREAS, The cowboys and cowgirls from Texas whose dedication and impressive skills took them to the National Finals Rodeo are Tilden Hooper, Chris Harris, Will Lowe, Cash Myers, K. C. Jones, Trevor Brazile, Speed Williams, JoJo Lemond, Turtle Powell, Patrick Smith, Michael Jones, Walt Woodard, Allen Bach, Clay O'Brien Cooper, Bradley Harter, Stran Smith, Tuf Cooper, Jeff Chapman, Fred Whitfield, Cody Ohl, Mike Johnson, Doug Pharr, Justin Maass, Scott Kormos, J. W. Harris, Douglas Duncan,

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Cassie Moseley, Megan Reichert, Stephanie Fryar, Tammy Key-Fisher, Annesa Self, Brittany Pozzi-Pharr, Terra Bynum, Scott Snedecor, Vin Fisher, Jr., Cody Lee, Will Gasperson, Guy Allen, and Dan Fisher; and

WHEREAS, These talented competitors are truly deserving of recognition for their commitment, their remarkable abilities, and their outstanding work as representatives of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Karl Stressman, commissioner of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, and the Texans who competed in the National Finals Rodeo on their professionalism and skills and extend to them best wishes for continued success in all their endeavors; and, be it further

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

Watson, Harris

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on March 24, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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