

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 544

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is proud to pay tribute to the farmers and ranchers of our state on the occasion of Agriculture Day in Texas, which is being celebrated April 2, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture plays a vital role in nearly every facet of daily life, from the food we eat to the clothes we wear, and Texas' farmers, ranchers, and their families continue to ensure that we enjoy an abundant, reliable, and affordable supply of food, natural fiber, and other essential products; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture is the second-largest resource-based industry in Texas, producing nearly 10 percent of the state's gross product while employing one out of every seven working Texans; with a financial impact of more than \$100 billion, agriculture is an indispensable part of our state's economy; and

WHEREAS, Texas leads the nation in the production of cattle, horses, sheep, goats, cotton, hay, wool, and mohair; Texas agriculture further produces seven percent of the nation's total agricultural income; and

WHEREAS, The farmers and ranchers of Texas face ever-increasing challenges even as they play an important role in water conservation, rural economic development, global trade, and environmental preservation; they are truly deserving of respect and acknowledgement for their role in making Texas a leader in agricultural production; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Texas are urged to join Commissioner Todd Staples of the Texas Department of Agriculture in honoring the farmers and ranchers of Texas by observing April 2, 2009, as Agriculture Day in Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Texas farmers and ranchers on their priceless contributions to our state and nation and designate April 2, 2009, as Agriculture Day in Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special day.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 2, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate