

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 545

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the cattlemen of Texas on the grand occasion of Texas Cattlemen's Day at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Cattle have been raised in Texas since the mid-18th century when the Spanish established missions; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in the 1860s, ranching expanded rapidly; and

WHEREAS, The first cattle drives on the legendary Chisholm and Goodnight-Loving Trails headed north from Texas toward the markets and railheads in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, After interstate railroads were established in Texas during the 1870s, cattle drives to the Midwest became unnecessary, and communities such as Forth Worth and Amarillo became points where herds were amassed for rail shipment across the United States; and

WHEREAS, The dramatic growth of cattle feeding in Texas, beginning in the 1950s, has made our state a leading provider of grain-fed cattle desired by consumers around the world, and this state supplies almost a third of the nation's fed beef; and

WHEREAS, Texas is the number one cattle-producing state, with an inventory of 13.8 million cattle and calves; and

WHEREAS, The Texas cattle industry contributes almost \$8 billion in cash receipts and has a direct impact of \$15 billion on the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, Cattle production accounts for more than 70 percent of livestock cash receipts and for almost half the total for all agricultural products in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Cattle production has played a prominent role in the culture and legacy of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Texas cattlemen have a proud heritage of animal husbandry and land stewardship that continues to be strong today; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby honor these dedicated producers and their contribution to the economy and culture of our state and declare April 1, 2009, as Texas Cattlemen's Day at the Capitol; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the cattlemen of Texas 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 April 1, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate