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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bill Monroe Tullos of Arden has been chosen as the
2 2010 recipient of the National Golden Spur Award; and

3 WHEREAS, This prestigious honor recognizes the lifetime
4 achievements of the individual selected as the top rancher in the
5 United States as judged by a group of respected organizations that
6 includes the American Quarter Horse Association, the National
7 Cattlemen's Foundation, the Ranching Heritage Association, the
8 Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, the Texas Cattle
9 Feeders Association, and the Texas Farm Bureau; the only national
10 distinction of its kind, the Golden Spur Award acknowledges the
11 humanistic and scientific contributions made by the honoree to the
12 livestock and ranching industries; and

13 WHEREAS, Bill Tullos earned the commendation as a result of
14 his enduring efforts to bring his ranchland back to its natural
15 state; by removing the cedar and mesquite trees that consume
16 valuable water and by allowing the natural grasses to return to
17 prominence, he has made the land more conducive to grazing; he began
18 the conservation program in 1959, when the combination of a drought
19 and the spread of the trees caused his creeks to run dry; his work
20 has helped bring about a revitalization of Little Rocky Creek and
21 the Middle Concho River, both of which traverse his property; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Tullos has been director of the Middle Concho
23 Soil and Water Conservation District since 1955 and more recently
24 has assisted the Upper Colorado River Authority with its

1 participation in the Clean Rivers Program; he has been a Texas Farm
2 Bureau vice president and state director and is a member of the
3 Texas Beef Council, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, and
4 the Sheep & Goat Predator Management Board; moreover, he has been
5 named an honorary director for life by the Texas Sheep & Goat
6 Raisers' Association; and

7 WHEREAS, With the exception of the four years he spent as a
8 pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, Mr. Tullos has
9 always lived on his ranch, which is the home of the Bar-T brand; in
10 all his endeavors, he has enjoyed the love and support of his wife,
11 Margie, his son, George William Tullos and his wife, Teri, his
12 daughter, Carolyn Olivia Tullos McGehee and her husband, Gary, and
13 his five grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, The dedication and passion Bill Tullos has brought
15 to his pursuits have helped return a portion of the Texas landscape
16 back to its natural condition, and that accomplishment has made him
17 a positive role model for other ranchers who seek to preserve the
18 beauty and productivity of the Lone Star State's open spaces; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Bill Monroe Tullos on being chosen
22 as the recipient of the 2010 National Golden Spur Award and extend
23 to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Mr. Tullos as an expression of high regard by the Texas
26 House of Representatives.