RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, Texas Farm Bureau District 1 Day is taking place at
 the State Capitol on February 15, 2011, and this occasion provides a
 fitting opportunity to recognize an organization that has played an
 essential role in Texas agriculture in the Panhandle region for
 more than 75 years; and
 WHEREAS, The Texas Farm Bureau was founded in 1933 and has
 provided a united voice for farmers and ranchers throughout its
- 8 history; it focuses on grassroots policy development, represents 9 the interests of agricultural producers in the legislative process 10 at both the state and national levels, and assists members by 11 offering a range of benefits and services; the organization draws 12 on the abilities of an experienced leadership team that includes 13 District 1 state director Billy B. Brown, who also serves as
- secretary-treasurer for the statewide organization; and

 WHEREAS, TFB District 1 covers the northern portion of the

 Texas Panhandle and includes the counties of Dallam, Sherman,

 Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson,

 Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Deaf Smith, Randall, Carson,

 Gray, Wheeler, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Hall, and

 Childress; and
- 20 Childress; and
 21 WHEREAS, These 22 counties contain more than 4,800 farms and
 22 ranches that encompass 9.2 million acres of Texas soil; District 1
 23 is an especially productive area for growing wheat, with Ochiltree,
 24 Hansford, and Deaf Smith the top three wheat-producing counties in

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- 1 the state; and
- WHEREAS, Once home to the XIT Ranch, which stretched across
- 3 portions of four counties, the region is also famous for its cattle;
- 4 today, District 1 has more than 2.3 million cattle, and Deaf Smith
- 5 County ranks No. 1 in the state in beef production; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The valuable commodities raised on the farms and
- 7 ranches in this territory are an important component of the economy
- 8 of the Lone Star State, and the members of Texas Farm Bureau
- 9 District 1 are indeed deserving of recognition for their vital
- 10 contributions; now, therefore, be it
- 11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 12 Legislature hereby recognize February 15, 2011, as Texas Farm
- 13 Bureau District 1 Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome
- 14 to the fine citizens who have traveled to Austin to celebrate this
- 15 occasion; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 17 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
- 18 Texas House of Representatives.

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	Speaker of the House
I certify that H.R. No. 412 was 15, 2011, by a non-record vote.	adopted by the House on February
	Chief Clerk of the House