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H.R. No. 412

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Texas Farm Bureau District 1 Day is taking place at  
2 the State Capitol on February 15, 2011, and this occasion provides a  
3 fitting opportunity to recognize an organization that has played an  
4 essential role in Texas agriculture in the Panhandle region for  
5 more than 75 years; and

6           WHEREAS, The Texas Farm Bureau was founded in 1933 and has  
7 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  
14 secretary-treasurer for the statewide organization; and

15           WHEREAS, TFB District 1 covers the northern portion of the  
16 Texas Panhandle and includes the counties of Dallam, Sherman,  
17 Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson,  
18 Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Deaf Smith, Randall, Carson,  
19 Gray, Wheeler, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Hall, 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

1 the state; and

2 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

16 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.