

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 25th annual Trappings of Texas Custom Cowboy
2 Gear and Western Art Exhibit and Sale is taking place at the Museum
3 of the Big Bend at Sul Ross State University in Alpine on February
4 25 and 26, 2011, and this occasion provides a welcome opportunity to
5 recognize the creator and longtime curator of the event, Gary
6 Dunshee; and

7 WHEREAS, After attending a cowboy poetry reading in Elko,
8 Nevada, in 1985, Gary Dunshee and Sul Ross faculty member Dr.
9 Barbara Nelson decided to start a similar tradition in Alpine;
10 while Dr. Nelson organized the first Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering,
11 Mr. Dunshee, co-owner of Big Bend Saddlery, collected Western gear
12 to display as part of the event, and his efforts gave birth to the
13 Trappings of Texas exhibit; he went on to serve as curator of the
14 annual show for 16 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Trappings of Texas is the sole fund-raiser held at
16 the Museum of the Big Bend, and a portion of the proceeds goes to
17 support exhibits and educational programs throughout the year; the
18 2011 show is once again taking place in conjunction with the Texas
19 Cowboy Poetry Gathering and features more than 120 works by over 60
20 artists; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Dunshee has owned Big Bend Saddlery since 1977
22 and has built award-winning saddles for the Professional Rodeo
23 Cowboys Association and done custom work for many celebrities; he
24 has served as a sponsor of the Working Ranch Cowboys Association and

1 participated in that group's World Championship Ranch Rodeo as well
2 as the Western Heritage Classic Ranch Rodeo, the Texas Ranch
3 Roundup, and the Tejas Vaquero Trail Ride; in addition, he has
4 demonstrated his saddle-making skills nationwide, including at the
5 Smithsonian Institution; and

6 WHEREAS, This notable Texan is a former president of the
7 Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences and Rodeo Exes
8 Association at Sul Ross State University, and he is a financial
9 contributor to the school and an avid recruiter for the
10 agricultural program; and

11 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Dunshee enjoys the love
12 and support of his wife, Hillary, and their two children, Wade and
13 Mattie; and

14 WHEREAS, Gary Dunshee is a skilled artist who has worked to
15 benefit his community and to preserve and promote the traditional
16 crafts of the American West, and he may indeed take pride in his
17 many achievements; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
19 Legislature hereby honor Gary Dunshee, founder of the Trappings of
20 Texas Custom Cowboy Gear and Western Art Exhibit and Sale, on the
21 occasion of the event's 25th anniversary; and, be it further

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

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Straus	Gonzales of Williamson	Morrison
Aliseda	Gonzalez	Munoz, Jr.
Allen	Gooden	Murphy
Alonzo	Guillen	Naishtat
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Nash
Anchia	Hamilton	Oliveira
Anderson of Dallas	Hancock	Orr
Anderson of McLennan	Hardcastle	Otto
Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
Burkett	Howard of Fort Bend	Pitts
Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
Cain	Hughes	Raymond
Callegari	Hunter	Reynolds
Carter	Isaac	Riddle
Castro	Jackson	Ritter
Chisum	Johnson	Rodriguez
Christian	Keffer	Schwertner
Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
Craddick	King of Zavala	Sheffield
Creighton	Kleinschmidt	Shelton
Crownover	Kolkhorst	Simpson
Darby	Kuempel	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Landtroop	Smith of Tarrant
J. Davis of Harris	Larson	Smithee
S. Davis of Harris	Laubenberg	Solomons
Deshotel	Lavender	Strama
Driver	Legler	Taylor of Collin
Dukes	Lewis	Taylor of Galveston
Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
Eiland	Lucio III	Torres
Eissler	Lyne	Truitt
Elkins	Madden	Turner
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
Fletcher	Marquez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez	Walle
Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
Gallego	McClendon	White
Garza	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Miles	Workman
Giddings	Miller of Comal	Zedler
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

H.R. No. 488

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 488 was adopted by the House on February 22, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House