

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering is celebrating its
2 25th anniversary from February 25 through 27, 2011, on the campus of
3 Sul Ross State University in Alpine; and

4 WHEREAS, This annual event brings together talented
5 performers to present the poetry, stories, and music of the working
6 cowboy; it was founded in 1986 by Sul Ross literature professor Dr.
7 Barbara "Barney" Nelson, a widely published poet, photographer, and
8 essayist whose books include an anthology of cowboy poetry called
9 *Here's to the Vinegarroon!*; and

10 WHEREAS, After attending the first Cowboy Poetry Gathering in
11 Elko, Nevada, in 1985, Professor Nelson was inspired to create
12 something similar on the Sul Ross campus; she collaborated with
13 Gary Dunshee, who created the companion event, Trappings of Texas,
14 an exhibit of cowboy gear and western art that benefits the Museum
15 of the Big Bend; together, the Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering and
16 Trappings of Texas have become important local and regional events,
17 and their shared anniversary is being commemorated with the 25th
18 Silver Celebration and Dance, featuring country musician David
19 Ball; and

20 WHEREAS, Thanks to the vision of Dr. Barney Nelson, the Texas
21 Cowboy Poetry Gathering has showcased a unique oral tradition for a
22 quarter of a century, and in so doing, it is helping to ensure that
23 the culture of the working cowboy is appreciated by today's
24 generation of Texans; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Barney Nelson on the occasion
3 of the 25th annual Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Alpine and
4 extend to all those associated with the event sincere best wishes
5 for an entertaining and memorable anniversary weekend; and, be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Dr. Nelson as an expression of high regard by the Texas
9 House of Representatives.

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Aliseda	Gonzalez	Munoz, Jr.
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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
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Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
Eiland	Lucio III	Torres
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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
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Giddings	Miller of Comal	Zedler
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

H.R. No. 493

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 493 was adopted by the House on February 22, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House