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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.