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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Texas Farm Bureau District 4 Day is taking place at 2 the State Capitol on February 24, 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 North Texas 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 history; it focuses on grassroots policy development, represents 8 9 the interests of agricultural producers in the legislative process at both the state and national levels, and assists members by 10 offering a range of benefits and services; the organization draws 11 12 on the abilities of an experienced leadership team that includes District 4 state director Charles Ray Huddleston; and 13

14 WHEREAS, TFB District 4 covers the northern portion of Texas 15 and includes the counties of Cooke, Grayson, Fannin, Denton, 16 Collin, Hunt, Parker, Tarrant, Dallas, Rockwall, Kaufman, Ellis, 17 Johnson, Hood, Somervell, Hill, and Navarro; and

WHEREAS, These 17 counties contain more than 20,800 farms and ranches that encompass 3.7 million acres of Texas land; District 4 is an especially productive area for growing forage, with 7 of its 17 counties ranking among the top 20 forage-producing counties in the state; and

23 WHEREAS, The valuable commodities raised on the farms and 24 ranches in this territory are an important component of the economy

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1 of the Lone Star State, and the members of Texas Farm Bureau 2 District 4 are indeed deserving of recognition for their vital 3 contributions; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas Legislature hereby recognize February 24, 2011, as Texas Farm Bureau District 4 Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the fine citizens who have traveled to Austin to celebrate this occasion; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 10 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the 11 Texas House of Representatives.

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