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## RESOLUTION

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

5 WHEREAS, The Texas Farm Bureau was founded in 1933 and has provided a united voice for farmers and ranchers throughout its 6 7 history; it focuses on grassroots policy development, represents the interests of agricultural producers in the legislative process 8 9 at both the state and national levels, and assists members by offering a range of benefits and services; the organization draws 10 11 on the abilities of an experienced leadership team that includes 12 District 2 state director Dewey Hukill; and

WHEREAS, TFB District 2 covers an area just south of the Texas Panhandle and includes the counties of Parmer, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Bailey, Lamb, Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Crosby, Floyd, Hale, Motley, and Dickens; and

WHEREAS, These 18 counties contain 10,270 farms that encompass 9.7 million acres of Texas soil; District 2 is an especially productive area for cotton, wheat, and corn, with Hockley, Terry, Hale, Lubbock, Lynn, and Crosby all among the top 10 cotton-producing counties in the state; and

WHEREAS, The region is also famous for its cattle, and Castro and Parmer Counties are ranked second and third in Texas for beef production; and

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1 WHEREAS, The valuable commodities raised on the farms and 2 ranches in this territory are an important component of the economy 3 of the Lone Star State, and the members of Texas Farm Bureau 4 District 2 are indeed deserving of recognition for their vital 5 contributions; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas 7 Legislature hereby recognize March 1, 2011, as Texas Farm Bureau 8 District 2 Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the 9 fine citizens who have traveled to Austin to celebrate this 10 occasion; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 12 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the 13 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 618 was adopted by the House on March 24, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House