

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 90th annual Tri-State Fair and Rodeo in Amarillo  
2 is taking place from September 13 to 21, 2013; and

3           WHEREAS, Since Amarillo's founding more than 125 years ago,  
4 the city has been the definitive Western cowtown—both a thriving  
5 market and a busy processing and distribution center for the cattle  
6 industry; the town is home to the Texas Cattle Feeders Association  
7 and the American Quarter Horse Association, which work to preserve  
8 the prosperity and culture of the rancher's way of life; and

9           WHEREAS, The region's Western heritage has been celebrated  
10 every year since 1923 at the Tri-State Fair and Rodeo; operated by  
11 the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition, it is the largest annual event  
12 in the Texas Panhandle, drawing more than 130,000 people, and it  
13 brings \$5 million to the local economy; and

14           WHEREAS, The fair and rodeo's nine days of events include one  
15 of the top five medium-sized rodeos in the nation, as rated by the  
16 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, and the exposition's  
17 scholarships and educational programs benefit 5,000 local students  
18 each year; and

19           WHEREAS, More than 600 volunteers devote over 15,000 hours to  
20 putting on the fair and rodeo, making it a true community effort,  
21 and since 2000 its facility, the Amarillo National Center, has won  
22 acclaim as one of the nation's premier dirt-floor venues for rodeos  
23 and equestrian events; and

24           WHEREAS, The values and ideals of the American West continue

1 to animate the lives of those who make their home there, and for the  
2 past nine decades the Tri-State Fair and Rodeo has provided a  
3 showcase for the skills, tenacity, and daring through which they  
4 and their ancestors have left their stamp on that legendary region;  
5 now, therefore, be it

6         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
7 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the 90th annual  
8 Tri-State Fair and Rodeo in Amarillo and extend to the fair's staff,  
9 participants, and visitors sincere best wishes for an enjoyable and  
10 memorable event; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 131

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 131 was adopted by the House on June 25, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House