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H.R. No. 131

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.