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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas Farm Bureau is holding its 2013 Leadership
2 Conference on January 27-30 in Austin, and this occasion provides a
3 fitting opportunity to recognize an organization that has played an
4 essential role in Texas agriculture for 80 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Agriculture is one of the leading industries in the
6 Lone Star State, annually helping to infuse more than \$36 billion
7 into our economy; keeping pace with the demands of a growing
8 population, production continues to increase, thanks in part to
9 advances in recordkeeping, machinery, and computer technology; and

10 WHEREAS, The farmers and ranchers of our state provide for
11 the most essential needs of their fellow citizens by ensuring an
12 abundant, reliable, and affordable supply of food and fiber, and
13 since 1933, Texas Farm Bureau has provided a united voice for these
14 hardworking men and women; and

15 WHEREAS, Focusing on grassroots policy development, the
16 association represents the interests of agricultural producers in
17 the legislative process at both the state and national levels while
18 assisting members through a range of benefits and services; and

19 WHEREAS, Today, with more than 480,000 participants, Texas
20 Farm Bureau is one of the largest groups of farmers, ranchers, and
21 rural families in the world; among its many accomplishments, the
22 organization has helped to achieve an improved farm-to-market road
23 system, protection of property rights, and the implementation of
24 animal health programs; and

1 WHEREAS, Agriculture is an important part of Texas history
2 and a critical part of its future, and the efforts of Texas Farm
3 Bureau are helping to sustain and advance this vital industry; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2013 Texas Farm Bureau
7 Leadership Conference and extend to all those in attendance sincere
8 best wishes for a memorable and meaningful gathering.