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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at  
2 Texas A&M University has honored Horace F. McQueen of Grapeland  
3 with a 2012 Outstanding Alumni Award; and

4 WHEREAS, Known as the voice of Texas agriculture for 36  
5 years, Horace McQueen is best recognized as the longtime host of the  
6 *Farm & Ranch News* program, which he also owned and produced; in his  
7 daily morning show, Mr. McQueen shared information on production  
8 practices and helped educate consumers about the benefits of  
9 farm-fresh foods; the program began in West Texas and, in the early  
10 1970s, moved to East Texas, where it aired for nearly three decades  
11 and gave rise to his counterpart radio show; countless Texans  
12 fondly recall Mr. McQueen's distinctive style of reporting as a  
13 central part of rural life; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to his broadcasting career, Mr. McQueen  
15 has contributed to a variety of magazines, such as *East Texas Farm &*  
16 *Ranch News*, *Farm & Ranch Magazine*, and *National Future Farmer*;  
17 active in his community, he has served as a director of Heritage  
18 Land Bank, the Sabine River Authority, City National Bank, and the  
19 Oak Brook Health Care Center and has been a member of the Build East  
20 Texas executive committee; he is also a life member and annual donor  
21 to the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, and he and his wife, Carole,  
22 continue to operate their cattle and timber ranch, Queensdale  
23 Farms; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. McQueen earned his bachelor's degree in

1 agricultural journalism from Texas A&M University in 1960, and  
2 today he is a proud Aggie and supporter of TAMU programs,  
3 particularly the research center in Overton; he has served on the  
4 College of Agriculture and Life Sciences development council and  
5 has served as president of the Houston County and Lubbock A&M Clubs;  
6 with his wife, he established the Carole and Horace McQueen '60  
7 Endowed Scholarship to provide funding for agricultural journalism  
8 and communications students; and

9 WHEREAS, In recognition of his impressive contributions to  
10 farming and ranching, Mr. McQueen was named Man of the Year in Texas  
11 Agriculture and Farm Broadcaster of the Year and has received  
12 numerous Texas County Agent awards and Texas Forest Service awards,  
13 as well as countless honors from 4-H and FFA clubs throughout East  
14 Texas; and

15 WHEREAS, Horace McQueen has made a lasting impression on the  
16 agricultural communities of East Texas over his many years of  
17 service, and he has been a tireless advocate for research to benefit  
18 future generations of farmers; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Horace F. McQueen on his receipt of  
21 a 2012 Outstanding Alumni Award from the College of Agriculture and  
22 Life Sciences at Texas A&M University and extend to him sincere best  
23 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for Mr. McQueen as an expression of high regard by the  
26 Texas House of Representatives.