

By: Pitts

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Arthur Mann is the 2013 recipient of the Hill County
2 Citizen of the Year award from the Hillsboro Area Chamber of
3 Commerce; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Hillsboro, Art Mann graduated from
5 Hubbard High School and earned an associate's degree from Hill
6 College and a bachelor's degree in journalism from Sam Houston
7 State University; as a longtime editor for the *Hillsboro Reporter*
8 and as an on-air personality with KHBR Radio, he has covered major
9 news events in the Hill County area for the past three decades; he
10 is considered one of the community's foremost authorities on local
11 government affairs and is well regarded for his fair and objective
12 style of reporting; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Mann has further distinguished himself through
14 his civic involvement; he is a senior member of the Hill County Go
15 Texan Committee, which he helped establish in 1991 to fund
16 scholarships for area youth, and he served as the inaugural chair of
17 the Hill County Ag-Youth Board; moreover, he has been a member of
18 the Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce Board for many years,
19 including serving a term as president; and

20 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has shared his time and talents
21 with myriad other organizations, including the Hill County
22 Extension Service Council, the Hillsboro Heritage League, and the
23 Friends of Hillsboro City Library; he is a member of the Hillsboro
24 Masonic Lodge and an active alumnus in the Century Club of Hill

1 College and the Sam Houston State University Alumni Association;
2 during the biennial legislative session, Mr. Mann organizes Hill
3 County Day at the State Capitol as an opportunity for residents to
4 meet with their elected officials to discuss important local
5 issues; and

6 WHEREAS, Among Mr. Mann's other achievements is organizing a
7 successful fund-raising concert in behalf of the Hill County
8 Courthouse, which had sustained damage from a fire; that event and
9 the subsequent rededication ceremony both featured Willie Nelson,
10 and for the second rededication of the courthouse, Mr. Mann secured
11 as the keynote speaker then governor George W. Bush; and

12 WHEREAS, His exceptional public-spirited efforts have been
13 previously recognized with a Liberty Bell Award from the Hillsboro
14 Bar Association and an honorary membership in the Hillsboro Lions
15 Club; and

16 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Mann enjoys the love and
17 support of his wife, Susan, with whom he has shared more than three
18 decades; the couple are blessed with a treasured family that
19 includes their daughters and sons-in-law, Peggy and Chris Lidster
20 and Ada and Justin Motherspau, and a beloved granddaughter, Keira;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, With his enthusiasm and dedication, Art Mann has
23 made a positive difference in the lives of his fellow citizens, and
24 it is indeed a pleasure to join in recognizing him for his
25 meaningful contributions to Hill County; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
27 Legislature hereby congratulate Arthur Mann on his selection as the

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1 Hill County Citizen of the Year by the Hillsboro Area Chamber of
2 Commerce and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
3 success and happiness; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Mr. Mann as an expression of high regard by the Texas
6 House of Representatives.