R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, The 70th anniversary of the Katy Independent School

2 District FFA Livestock Show and Rodeo provides a fitting

3 opportunity to honor the legacy of its founder, the late

4 L. D. Robinson; and

5   WHEREAS, In the early 1940s, the FFA program in Katy was on

6 the brink of closing when L. D. Robinson was recruited by the Texas

7 Education Agency to intervene; together with his wife, Ruby,

8 Mr. Robinson developed plans for a livestock show, a lighted rodeo

9 arena, and a working farm, all of it self-financed; established in

10 1943, the multifaceted Katy FFA program became the first of its kind

11 in the nation, offering hands-on opportunities for students to

12 perform actual farm work; and

13   WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson received the National Honorary

14 American Farmer Degree in 1960, the highest honor bestowed on FFA

15 advisors and agricultural education teachers, and his program was

16 admired and acclaimed throughout the country; as a result of the

17 Katy program's success, other school districts asked for his help

18 in developing their own programs; and

19   WHEREAS, After 44 years as a Texas educator and nearly three

20 decades in Katy, Mr. Robinson retired in 1970; that same year, the

21 L. D. Robinson Scholarship Fund was established by his former

22 students in recognition of his work; the fund has awarded more than

23 100 four-year scholarships since its inception; and

24   WHEREAS, Although L. D. Robinson passed away in 1978, the six

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1 Katy ISD FFA chapters, their advisors, and their many supporters

2 carry on his legacy, and the rodeo and livestock show remain beloved

3 mainstays of the program; now, therefore, be it

4   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

5 Legislature hereby commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Katy ISD

6 FFA Livestock Show and Rodeo and pay tribute to the extraordinary

7 contributions of L. D. Robinson.

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H.R. No. 797

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 797 was adopted by the House on March 20, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House