

By: Bonnen of Brazoria

H.R. No. 1205

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, John Travis Garrett, Jr., of Danbury has deservedly
2 been named a 2013 Philanthropist of the Year by the Community
3 Foundation of Brazoria County; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of first-generation farmers Jack and Mary
5 Garrett, "Jacko" Garrett earned a degree in business management
6 from Texas Christian University in 1966, and then began farming and
7 ranching with his father; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Garrett owned Garrett Seed Rice for more than a
9 quarter-century, growing certified and registered seed for the rice
10 industry in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, and Mississippi,
11 and for over two decades, he operated Danbury Rice Sales, which
12 marketed rough rice for local farmers; today, he is the owner and
13 president of Eagle Lake Rice Dryer, and he contributes to his
14 profession with his involvement in the Texas Rice Improvement
15 Association, which he serves as a member of the board, the Texas
16 Rice Council, the USA Rice Producers' Group, the Brazoria County
17 Farm Bureau, the Texas Seed Trade Association, and the American
18 Seed Trade Association; and

19 WHEREAS, Respected by his peers, Mr. Garrett has received
20 numerous accolades, including the Top Rice Farming Operation in
21 Texas award in 1992, selection as the National Rice Farmer of the
22 Year in 1993, and the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Garrett has further distinguished himself
24 through his charitable endeavors; in 2003, he established the Share

1 the Harvest Foundation, which works with area rice growers and
2 vendors to donate rice to local food banks; between 100 and 200
3 acres are dedicated to the project annually, translating into 8 to
4 10 million servings of rice for people in need; Mr. Garrett has also
5 shared his time and talents with the Back Pack Program, the Brazoria
6 County Fair, and St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church, where he is a
7 valued congregant and assistant teacher; moreover, he has been a
8 member of the board of the Danbury Independent School District for
9 12 years; and

10 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Garrett enjoys the love
11 and support of his wife, Nancy, and their two daughters, Traci
12 LaChance and Christy Jennings; and

13 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his fellow citizens, Jacko Garrett has
14 set an outstanding example of leadership and generosity, and it is
15 indeed a pleasure to honor him for his many good works; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate John Travis "Jacko" Garrett, Jr.,
19 on his selection as a 2013 Philanthropist of the Year by the
20 Community Foundation of Brazoria County and extend to him sincere
21 best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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