RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives takes pleasure in recognizing Jim Short, who has recently distinguished himself in one of the world's premier cutting horse competitions; and WHEREAS, Cutting horses have been an integral part of the

WHEREAS, Cutting horses have been an integral part of the history of this state since the earliest days of working cattle on open ranges, and they are still used today to work cattle on thousands of ranches; and

8 WHEREAS, The real ranch work of cutting horses has evolved 9 into a major equine sport with some 2,000 competitions annually and 10 a total purse of some \$28 million; the National Cutting Horse 11 Association conducts three of the world's premier cutting horse 12 competitions in Fort Worth each year; known as the Triple Crown of 13 Cutting, these events are the Futurity, the Super-Stakes, and the 14 Summer Spectacular; and

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Summer Spectacular; and

WHEREAS, The third jewel in the Triple Crown of Cutting, the
Summer Spectacular, takes place over the course of three weeks in
July at Will Rogers Coliseum; in 2012, more than 100 amateur
competitors hailing from nine countries competed in the premier
event for four-year-olds known as the Summer Spectacular Derby; and

WHEREAS, Among the entrants was Jim Short, who has been a
competitor and a member of the National Cutting Horse Association
for 22 years; a dedicated advocate for the National Cutting Horse
Association and a formidable competitor who has won numerous
cuttings and has distinguished himself as a finalist in many major

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- 1 shows across the nation, Jim Short rode his mare Dual Ticket to
- 2 score 217 points and win the Derby Amateur and Derby Senior Amateur
- 3 divisions in the 2012 Summer Spectacular; and
- WHEREAS, An exemplary gentleman and a fierce competitor,
- 5 Mr. Short embodies the qualities of a true horseman, and he is much
- 6 admired for his commitment to the advancement of the competition
- 7 sport of cutting; now, therefore, be it
- 8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
- 9 Legislature hereby commend Jim Short on his many achievements in
- 10 the cutting horse arena and congratulate him on his victory in the
- 11 National Cutting Horse Association's 2012 Summer Spectacular Derby
- 12 in Fort Worth; and, be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 14 prepared for Mr. Short as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 15 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2000 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House