

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The annual Gillespie County Fair is taking place
2 from August 22 to 25, 2013, and the 125th anniversary of this
3 popular event provides an opportune time to honor all those who have
4 contributed to its success; and

5 WHEREAS, One of the oldest continuously held fairs in the
6 Lone Star State, the inaugural Gillespie County Fair was celebrated
7 in 1881, at the site of the former Fort Martin Scott, and except
8 during World War I and World War II, it has been a yearly highlight
9 of the county's cultural calendar; over the decades, the fair has
10 grown and residents of the county and many other communities
11 eagerly anticipate the sights and activities it offers each summer;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, A number of the festivities held during the fair's
14 earliest days continue today; racing has always been one of the most
15 exciting attractions, and through the years spectators have
16 attended horse races, bicycle races, and even a race among three
17 elephants; music has also played an important role, from Carl
18 Beck's Military Band concerts in the 19th century, to the
19 Fredericksburg Centennial Band in 1946, to Darrell McCall and
20 Friends, John Anderson, and Cody Johnson who will all be performing
21 in 2013; in addition, each year since 1949, young ladies from
22 Gillespie County have vied for the opportunity to be crowned as
23 queen of the fair, and the winner will go on to make appearances at
24 parades and other events across the area; this year's celebration

1 will also include Old Time Baseball, a new carnival, livestock
2 shows, and agricultural and home skill exhibits; and

3 WHEREAS, The Gillespie County Fair and Festivals Association
4 facilitates the event and develops programming, with an emphasis on
5 the agricultural industry, to encourage and promote the education
6 of local young people; the group has awarded more than 500
7 scholarships to deserving youth and has contributed hundreds of
8 thousands of dollars to students and student programs; with this
9 goal in mind, volunteers, committee members, and the Gillespie
10 County Fair Association Board of Directors perform countless hours
11 of hard work in the months leading up to and during the event; and

12 WHEREAS, Showcasing some of Texas' finest agricultural
13 products and providing entertainment, education, and recreational
14 opportunities, the Gillespie County Fair is a treasured and
15 enduring institution, and it is indeed a pleasure to recognize the
16 fair's organizers for their efforts in behalf of the community;
17 now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
19 Legislature hereby commemorate the 125th annual Gillespie County
20 Fair and extend to all those associated with the festival sincere
21 best wishes for a memorable event; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for the Gillespie County Fair and Festivals Association as
24 an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Miller of Comal

H.R. No. 3135

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3135 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House