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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.