

1 extinction of the bison was imminent, she encouraged her husband to
2 establish the Goodnight bison herd, which has since become the
3 Official State Bison Herd of Texas and is now located at Caprock
4 Canyons State Park; and

5 WHEREAS, Known as the Mother of the Panhandle of Texas, Molly
6 helped establish Goodnight College, and the town of Goodnight is
7 named in honor of her and her husband; Molly died in 1926, and her
8 headstone reads "Mary Ann Dyer Goodnight, One who spent her whole
9 life in the service of others"; she is truly deserving of this
10 signal honor for her pioneering work alongside her husband and her
11 visionary efforts to save the bison; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
13 hereby designate September 12 of each year from 2013 through 2022 as
14 Mary Ann "Molly" Goodnight Day in honor of her work in saving the
15 herd of Texas Plains bison that is now the Official State Bison Herd
16 of Texas; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared in honor
18 of the life and legacy of Mary Ann "Molly" Goodnight.