

1-1 By: Seliger S.C.R. No. 10
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 5, 2013; February 13, 2013,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Administration;
 1-4 March 18, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 18, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-15 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-16 WHEREAS, Accomplished Texans who serve as positive role
 1-17 models for young people deserve special recognition, and Mary Ann
 1-18 "Molly" Goodnight, Armstrong County pioneer and wife of Charles
 1-19 Goodnight, embodied the strength and spirit that has made Texas an
 1-20 enduring example to the rest of the country; and

1-21 WHEREAS, Molly Goodnight was born September 12, 1839, in
 1-22 Madison County, Tennessee; she moved with her family to Fort
 1-23 Belknap, Texas, in 1854; after the death of her parents, she worked
 1-24 as a schoolteacher and took care of her five brothers; and

1-25 WHEREAS, She met Charles Goodnight in the mid-1860s, and they
 1-26 married in 1870; the couple settled in Pueblo, Colorado, where
 1-27 Charles had already established a ranch; drought and the Panic of
 1-28 1873 caused the family to return to Texas, where Charles received
 1-29 backing from Irish investor John George Adair, who became his
 1-30 partner; and

1-31 WHEREAS, The Goodnights founded a ranch in the Texas
 1-32 Panhandle based in Palo Duro Canyon; Molly became doctor, nurse,
 1-33 spiritual comforter, sister, and mother to the ranch hands who
 1-34 worked there, but her most important role was wife and helpmate to
 1-35 the most famous rancher on the High Plains; and

1-36 WHEREAS, She became interested in the plight of the baby
 1-37 bison left behind by the commercial hunters who had ravaged the
 1-38 great bison herds that roamed the Plains; recognizing that the
 1-39 extinction of the bison was imminent, she encouraged her husband to
 1-40 establish the Goodnight bison herd, which has since become the
 1-41 Official State Bison Herd of Texas and is now located at Caprock
 1-42 Canyons State Park; and

1-43 WHEREAS, Known as the Mother of the Panhandle of Texas, Molly
 1-44 helped establish Goodnight College, and the town of Goodnight is
 1-45 named in honor of her and her husband; Molly died in 1926, and her
 1-46 headstone reads "Mary Ann Dyer Goodnight, One who spent her whole
 1-47 life in the service of others"; she is truly deserving of this
 1-48 signal honor for her pioneering work alongside her husband and her
 1-49 visionary efforts to save the bison; now, therefore, be it

1-50 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
 1-51 hereby designate September 12 of each year from 2013 through 2022 as
 1-52 Mary Ann "Molly" Goodnight Day in honor of her work in saving the
 1-53 herd of Texas Plains bison that is now the Official State Bison Herd
 1-54 of Texas; and, be it further

1-55 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared in honor
 1-56 of the life and legacy of Mary Ann "Molly" Goodnight.

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