

By: Estes

S.C.R. No. 36

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, For the past 36 years, Ken Horton has forged an  
2 exceptional record of leadership in the field of Texas agriculture;  
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4           WHEREAS, Mr. Horton is a veteran of the Texas National Guard  
5 and an alumnus of Texas A&M University, where he completed a degree  
6 in psychology and sociology in 1974; he became the campus director  
7 of Coastal Bend Youth City, a facility for abused and troubled  
8 children, shortly after graduation, and during his three years in  
9 that post, he played an integral role in the growth of Youth City's  
10 farming and 4-H programs; and

11           WHEREAS, In 1977, Mr. Horton joined the staff of the Texas  
12 Pork Producers Association, and he currently serves as the group's  
13 executive vice president; over the course of his work with the TPPA,  
14 he has focused on building relationships with Texas pork producers  
15 and organizations, relationships that have led to increased TPPA  
16 membership and made the group an even stronger advocate for its  
17 industry; and

18           WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman has also worked extensively  
19 with the National Pork Producers Council, serving on its Pork  
20 Industry Transition Committee, helping to pass the national pork  
21 checkoff program, and assisting statewide organizations in  
22 affiliating with the NPPC; other organizations that have benefited  
23 from his involvement are the Texas Agricultural Council, which he  
24 chaired from 1984 to 1986, the National Pork Board, on whose Swine

1 Health Committee he has served, and the United States Animal Health  
2 Association; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout his long and influential career in  
4 agriculture, Mr. Horton has helped to guide the evolution of Texas  
5 pork production from the diversified hog farms of the 1970s to the  
6 far more specialized industry of today; his efforts have also  
7 contributed crucially to the development of a number of popular and  
8 successful youth programs, such as the Texas Pork Leadership Camp  
9 and the Certified Texas Bred Registry program, and his continued  
10 commitment to student outreach has led to increased support for 4-H  
11 and FFA at both the secondary and collegiate levels; and

12 WHEREAS, Ken Horton has dedicated his professional life to  
13 strengthening a vital economic pillar of the Lone Star State, and he  
14 may indeed reflect with great pride on his wide-ranging  
15 achievements; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas  
17 hereby honor Ken Horton for his contributions to Texas agriculture  
18 and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it  
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for Mr. Horton as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
22 Senate and House of Representatives.