

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 691

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pleasure in recognizing Jim Short, who has recently distinguished himself in one of the world's premier cutting horse competitions; and

WHEREAS, Cutting horses have been an integral part of the history of this state since the earliest days of working cattle on open ranges, and they are still used today to work cattle on thousands of ranches; and

WHEREAS, The real ranch work of cutting horses has evolved into a major equine sport with some 2,000 competitions annually and a total purse of some \$28 million; the National Cutting Horse Association conducts three of the world's premier cutting horse competitions in Fort Worth each year; known as the Triple Crown of Cutting, these events are the Futurity, the Super-Stakes, and the Summer Spectacular; and

WHEREAS, The third jewel in the Triple Crown of Cutting, the Summer Spectacular, takes place over the course of three weeks in July, at Will Rogers Coliseum; in 2012, more than 100 amateur competitors hailing from nine countries competed in the premier event for four-year-olds known as the Summer Spectacular Derby; and

WHEREAS, Among the entrants was Jim Short, who has been a competitor and a member of the National Cutting Horse Association for 22 years; a dedicated advocate for the National Cutting Horse Association and a formidable competitor who has won numerous cuttings and has distinguished himself as a finalist in many major shows across the nation, Jim Short rode his mare Dual Ticket to score 217 points and win the Derby Amateur and Derby Senior Amateur divisions in the 2012 Summer Spectacular; and

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WHEREAS, An exemplary gentleman and a fierce competitor, Mr. Short embodies the qualities of a true horseman, and he is much admired for his commitment to the advancement of the competition sport of cutting; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Jim Short on his many achievements in the cutting horse arena and congratulate him on his victory in the National Cutting Horse Association's 2012 Summer Spectacular Derby in Fort Worth; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Jim Short as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 16, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate