

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 822

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to celebrate the recent restoration of the home of Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight; and

WHEREAS, Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight played a seminal role in the history of the State of Texas; Charles was a pioneering rancher and cattleman; Mary Ann was his touchstone and helpmate and was beloved as the woman who saved the Texas Plains bison from extinction; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable couple built an equally remarkable home in 1887; situated on 30 acres in the Texas Panhandle, the 2,900-square-foot building has been painstakingly returned to its original state and is now a part of the Goodnight Historical Center; and

WHEREAS, An outstanding example of Folk Victorian architecture, the home features a first-floor wraparound porch, a parlor, a receiving room, a master bedroom, Mr. Goodnight's office, and a tradesman's office; across the dog-run are the dining room and the kitchen; upstairs are the Parson's Bedroom, a quilting room, and two other bedrooms that open onto the second-story porch; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinarily crafted home overlooking Palo Duro Canyon is a powerful tribute to the legacy of the Goodnight family; it includes the original stained glass windows and sliding doors, and on its grounds is a bronze sculpture that was donated to honor Mary Ann Goodnight for her role as the savior of the Texas Plains bison; and

WHEREAS, The Goodnight family was one of the most revered families in all of Texas, and the preservation of this architectural treasure as part of the Goodnight Historical Center is indeed worthy of commemoration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend all those who have worked to restore the Goodnight family home and extend to them sincere appreciation for their efforts on behalf of future generations of Texans; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this historic Texas structure.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate