

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1015

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Mike and Pam Reese on their outstanding leadership as conservationists and stewards of the lands and waters of this state; and

WHEREAS, Mike and Pam Reese first purchased their Texas Hill Country ranch in 1995, igniting their passion for conservation; and

WHEREAS, Since that time, the Reeses have protected 4,915 acres and 4.4 miles of frontage of the Pedernales River by establishing conservation easements; and

WHEREAS, Cumulatively, the easements the Reeses have bestowed upon The Nature Conservancy of Texas represent the largest gift that the Chapter has ever received; and

WHEREAS, The Reeses' advocacy and stewardship has made the Pedernales one of the most protected rivers in Texas; taken together, private landowners, land trusts, and governments have preserved 19,000 acres and 25 miles of the Pedernales River; and

WHEREAS, The Reeses' dedication to the stewardship of their own property epitomizes what it means to protect Texas; and

WHEREAS, The Reeses are champions of nature, advocates of land conservation, leaders to other landowners, and true stewards of land; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby congratulate Mike and Pam Reese on their passionate stewardship of Texas lands and water and on their efforts to protect the Pedernales River; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mike and Pam Reese as an expression of highest regard from the Texas Senate.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 20, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate