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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Andy Popp of Cooke County received well-deserved 2 recognition when he was named the 2014 Conservation Farmer of the 3 Year by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Popp was awarded this prestigious accolade at the organization's annual board meeting in October 2014, when he was lauded for his contributions to preserving soil and water on his farm north of Lindsay; sponsored by the TSSWCB and the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the award is part of the Conservation Awards Program, which honors farmers that utilize wise practices in their use of renewable natural resources; and

11 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan has exhibited great care and 12 dedication in the management of his land; he employs no-till farming techniques to conserve moisture, promotes plant diversity 13 14 in his fields through the use of cover crops, and minimizes the use of fertilizers; moreover, Mr. Popp has served as a valued resource 15 16 to his fellow growers, offering his advice and instruction on innovative production methods and volunteering his time and talents 17 to the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Grazing Lands 18 Conservation Initiative; and 19

20 WHEREAS, The natural splendor, diverse ecology, and economic 21 vitality of the Lone Star State depend on responsible stewardship 22 by landowners, and Andy Popp has demonstrated his commitment to 23 maintaining precious resources for future generations; now, 24 therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas 2 Legislature hereby congratulate Andy Popp on his selection as the 3 2014 Conservation Farmer of the Year and extend to him sincere best 4 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 6 prepared for Mr. Popp as an expression of high regard by the Texas 7 House of Representatives.