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H.R. No. 2417

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Starr County Youth Fair is celebrating its 50th
2 anniversary in 2015; and

3 WHEREAS, Founded by adult leaders of the Starr-Grande 4-H
4 Club, the fair was originally held on the grounds of what is now
5 Roque Guerra Jr. Elementary School in Rio Grande City; the
6 inaugural event was funded by donations and proceeds from raffles
7 and snack sales, and it featured 5 steers and fewer than 10 lambs;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The fair had grown considerably by the mid-1970s,
10 and members of the local 4-H, FHA, and FFA submitted more than 600
11 entries in the various competitions, which included livestock as
12 well as art and science; moreover, a parade, rodeo, and
13 country-western dance were added to the festivities; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1983, the establishment of the Starr County Fair
15 Association launched a new era, and its board members guided
16 further expansion of the event; the fair today takes place on more
17 than one weekend, and among numerous family-oriented activities, it
18 encompasses parades, musical entertainment, a high school art show,
19 an academic rodeo, cooking contests, a wild game dinner and
20 scholarship fund-raiser, and the Starr County Queen pageant; and

21 WHEREAS, For a half-century, the Starr County Youth Fair has
22 brought the community together to celebrate the achievements of
23 area students, and its longevity is a tribute to the dedication of
24 the many public-spirited volunteers and civic leaders who have

1 given generously of their time and talents in its behalf; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Starr
5 County Youth Fair and commend all those who have contributed to the
6 enduring success of this noteworthy event; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the Starr County Fair Association as an expression of
9 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.