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H.R. No. 3441

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The H. Yturria Land and Cattle Co. received a Lone
2 Star Land Steward Award from the Texas Parks and Wildlife
3 Department at a ceremony held in Austin on May 6, 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1996 by the TPWD Private Lands
5 Advisory Committee, the Lone Star Land Steward Award recognizes
6 private landowners who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment
7 to habitat management and wildlife conservation; this prestigious
8 accolade is presented annually to seven recipients, each from a
9 different ecological region in Texas, and the H. Yturria Land and
10 Cattle Co. earned the award for the South Texas Plains area; and

11 WHEREAS, The 24,000-acre H. Yturria Land and Cattle Co. ranch
12 was established by Francisco Yturria in the 1800s and is situated in
13 Kenedy, Willacy, and Hidalgo Counties; today, the property is owned
14 and operated by the members of the Butler family, who are
15 descendants of Francisco Yturria, and the ranch is managed by Rudy
16 Bazan; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to preserving their property as a
18 working ranch, the Butlers have worked tirelessly to develop native
19 habitats and provide water and other resources for all game and
20 nongame species in the area; as a part of their efforts, they have
21 successfully restored populations of Rio Grande wild turkeys
22 through trapping and restocking techniques, and their success in
23 this initiative has enabled them to relocate some of the birds to
24 nearby properties; and

1 WHEREAS, The natural beauty and diverse ecology of the South
2 Texas Plains depend on the careful stewardship of its landowners,
3 and the Butler family and their dedicated staff at the H. Yturria
4 Land and Cattle Co. are helping to conserve precious resources for
5 future generations; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate the H. Yturria Land and Cattle Co.
8 for receiving the Lone Star Land Steward Award and extend to the
9 Butler family and their staff sincere best wishes for continued
10 success; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the H. Yturria Land and Cattle Co. as an expression of
13 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.