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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud members of the Texas Farm Bureau are gathering
2 in Austin from January 30 to February 1 for their 2017 Leadership
3 Conference and for Texas Farm Bureau Day at the State Capitol on
4 February 1; and

5 WHEREAS, One of the most powerful engines of the Texas
6 economy, agriculture generates \$20 billion in cash receipts each
7 year, representing a total economic impact of more than \$100
8 billion annually; Texas produces more cotton and mohair and exports
9 more cotton, beef, and hides than any other state, and with nearly
10 250,000 farms and ranches covering more than 130 million acres,
11 Texas leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches; over 98
12 percent of our farms and ranches are owned by families,
13 partnerships, or family-held corporations; and

14 WHEREAS, The Texas Farm Bureau is "the voice of Texas
15 agriculture"; founded in 1933, it is an organization of more than
16 half a million rural families who provide their fellow Texans with
17 abundant and affordable food, fiber, and fuel; the bureau is
18 committed to grassroots advocacy and develops farm-friendly
19 policies that originate with its members, and it speaks on their
20 behalf in the halls of government in Austin and Washington, D.C.;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Over the course of eight decades, the association
23 has played a vital role in the protection of property rights, the
24 development of the farm-to-market road system, the creation of

1 economic incentives to keep farmers on the land, and the promotion
2 of free and fair trade, and it continues to support farmers and
3 ranchers as they work to meet the challenges of a growing population
4 and advances in technology; and

5 WHEREAS, Agriculture is fundamental to the economy and
6 culture of the Lone Star State, and every day, the Texas Farm Bureau
7 works to build upon that historic legacy and help this vital
8 industry adapt and thrive in the 21st century; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
10 Legislature hereby recognize February 1 as Texas Farm Bureau Day at
11 the State Capitol and commemorate the 2017 Texas Farm Bureau
12 Leadership Conference, extending to all those in attendance sincere
13 best wishes for a meaningful and memorable visit to Austin.