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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Stock Horse of Texas Association is celebrating
2 its 20th anniversary in 2017, and this milestone in the
3 organization's history provides a welcome opportunity to reflect on
4 its many contributions to the economy and culture of ranching; and

5 WHEREAS, Prized for their versatility and athleticism, stock
6 horses are bred, raised, and trained to help ranch hands and cowboys
7 handle and manage cattle; recognizing the significance of these
8 invaluable animals, a group of horsemen, ranchers, and educators
9 from across Texas met in Stephenville on March 7, 1996, to establish
10 the Stock Horse of Texas Association; the organization began
11 registering its first members in 1997, and by the end of the year,
12 roughly 100 individuals had officially joined its ranks; and

13 WHEREAS, Today, the SHTX boasts more than 1,000 members
14 throughout the state and offers a number of educational clinics,
15 competitions, and other events each year; the first collegiate
16 stock horse competition was held in 2006 at Texas Tech University,
17 and the event now regularly draws entries from such institutions as
18 Texas A&M University, Tarleton State University, Sam Houston State
19 University, and Stephen F. Austin State University; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition, the SHTX has become a model for many
21 similar associations; in recent years, the organization has entered
22 into an industry alliance partnership with the American Quarter
23 Horse Association, the world's largest equine breed registry, and
24 the two groups work in tandem for the benefit of the industry; and

1 WHEREAS, Horses and horsemanship are fundamental to the rich
2 heritage of the Lone Star State, and for the past two decades, the
3 Stock Horse of Texas Association has been an essential part of the
4 state's equine and ranching industries through its efforts to "help
5 people ride a better horse"; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Stock
8 Horse of Texas Association and extend to its members sincere best
9 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the Stock Horse of Texas Association as an expression
12 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.