

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Rader family has long contributed to the rich
2 agricultural heritage of Texas as ranchers and farmers; and

3 WHEREAS, The roots of the Rader family in the Panhandle
4 regions of Texas and Oklahoma date back to when Ernest Justin Rader
5 and his wife, Bonnie, settled on 160 acres in Day County, Oklahoma,
6 where they began raising Polled Hereford cattle; and

7 WHEREAS, Their son, Don, was born in 1924, and after serving
8 his country during World War II, he came home, earned an
9 agricultural economics degree at Oklahoma State University, and
10 married Mary Esther Gerard; the couple settled in Shattuck,
11 Oklahoma, and in 1960, they moved to Lipscomb County, where Mr.
12 Rader followed in his father's footsteps and raised Polled
13 Herefords; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the years, many members of the Rader family
15 have continued to be involved in ranching; Don Rader Jr. earned a
16 degree in ranch management from Texas Christian University, and
17 today his brother, Steve, runs the family ranch from its
18 headquarters in Lipscomb County and raises Polled Herefords;
19 sisters Judy, Nancy, and Betsy have all taken an active role in the
20 operation of the ranch, while Catherine settled in Canadian and
21 served communities in Hemphill, Lipscomb, and Wheeler Counties as
22 an adult probation officer; and

23 WHEREAS, Members of the subsequent generation also maintain
24 their close ties to the ranching life, and one grandson has carried

1 on Don Rader Sr.'s proud tradition of military service by
2 graduating from West Point and serving as an officer in the U.S.
3 Army; other Rader grandchildren are distinguishing themselves
4 through their studies at prestigious schools across the country;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Four generations of the Rader family have farmed and
7 ranched in the Panhandle, and they continue to engage with their
8 communities as civic and business leaders; together, they honor
9 their family's legacy by exemplifying the values of hard work,
10 respect for the land, and service to others; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the members of the Rader family
13 for their contributions to the ranching heritage of the Panhandle
14 and extend to them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for the Rader family as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.

King of Hemphill

H.R. No. 793

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 793 was adopted by the House on March 16, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House