

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Edward "Bubba" Miller of Huntsville has been named
2 Mr. East Texas 2017 by the Tyler County Dogwood Festival Committee;
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4 WHEREAS, Each year, the title of Mr. East Texas is awarded to
5 an individual whose leadership and community spirit have helped
6 guide growth and progress in the region; and

7 WHEREAS, Bubba Miller is being recognized as this year's
8 honoree for his contributions through the sport of rodeo and
9 through his evangelical ministry; a native of Port Arthur, he began
10 his involvement in rodeo as a youth and went on to earn numerous
11 titles and distinctions while in high school, including qualifying
12 to compete at the state and national levels and being named a state
13 Reserve Champion Bareback Rider; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Miller next competed in collegiate events as a
15 student at Wharton County Junior College, where he was named Rookie
16 of the Year, took part in the College National Finals Rodeo, and was
17 recognized as the All-Around Champion and Most Valuable Player,
18 among other honors; after graduating as the top service honor
19 student of his class, he enrolled at Sam Houston State University
20 and joined the Bearkat rodeo team; his achievements at SHSU
21 included winning the Southern Region Bareback Champion title and
22 qualifying for nationals; he also completed a bachelor's degree in
23 vocational education at the university; and

24 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan enjoyed a 12-year career as a

1 professional rodeo rider and additionally made his living as owner
2 and operator of a farrier business in Huntsville; guided by his
3 strong religious faith, he felt a calling to begin a church of his
4 own, and in 2004 he and his wife, Tammy, founded Branded for Christ
5 Cowboy Church; to date, the ministry has served as a source of
6 spiritual enrichment to thousands of people; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2008, Mr. Miller was tapped to serve as head
8 coach of the Sam Houston State University rodeo team; just three
9 years later, the men's rodeo team won the national championship,
10 and the women's team was named reserve national champions; he has
11 also worked with many nationally recognized students and rodeo
12 teams; in all his endeavors, he is blessed with the love of a fine
13 family, which in addition to his wife includes his two treasured
14 children, Bradlee and Sonilyn; and

15 WHEREAS, Bubba Miller's journey as a champion rodeo rider,
16 rodeo coach, and dedicated spiritual leader is an East Texas
17 success story, and he is indeed deserving of this prestigious
18 honor; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Bubba Miller on being named
21 Mr. East Texas 2017 and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
22 future; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Mr. Miller as an expression of high regard by the Texas
25 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1161

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1161 was adopted by the House on April 6, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House