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H.R. No. 1161

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.