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H.R. No. 236

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The prosperity of the Lone Star State has been
2 greatly influenced by family farming and ranching, and the Compton
3 Farm Partnership was officially recognized as heir to this proud
4 tradition with the acceptance of the Compton Farm in Childress
5 County into the state's Family Land Heritage Program in 2018; and

6 WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture,
7 the Family Land Heritage Program honors farms and ranches that have
8 been in continuous operation by the same family for a century or
9 more; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1905, William Iley Compton, a native of Arkansas,
11 arrived in Childress County, and in December 1917, he purchased 160
12 acres, where he and his wife, Myrtle, raised dairy cattle and grew
13 cotton, milo, and wheat; after Mr. Compton's death in 1935, the
14 title of the property passed to Mrs. Compton, and one of the
15 couple's sons, Iley, took over the operation of the farm; and

16 WHEREAS, Iley Compton acquired an additional 100 acres
17 adjacent to the original farm in 1938, and four years later, he
18 bought part of the original property from his mother, purchasing
19 the remainder in 1976; he and his wife, Ethel, raised six children
20 on the farm; after Iley Compton's death in 1996, his surviving
21 children, Peggy, Jean, Mike, Jerry, and Tony, formed the Compton
22 Farm Partnership to carry on the family's agricultural legacy;
23 Peggy Compton Williams passed away in 2013, and her siblings have
24 since maintained the partnership with the participation of her

1 eldest son, Joe Williams Jr.; the property continues to operate as a
2 cotton farm today; and

3 WHEREAS, For 100 years, the Compton Farm has played an
4 important role in Childress County and helped preserve the rich
5 agricultural tradition of Texas, and it is indeed fitting that the
6 members of the Compton Farm Partnership be recognized for their
7 outstanding stewardship; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the Compton Farm on its induction
10 into the Texas Department of Agriculture Family Land Heritage
11 Program and extend to all those associated with the farm sincere
12 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the Compton Farm Partnership as an expression of high
15 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.