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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family farms and ranches have long been essential to
2 the economy and culture of the Lone Star State, and the Mason Family
3 Farm in Garza County has been recognized for its role in this proud
4 tradition with its acceptance into the Family Land Heritage Program
5 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, On April 4, 1918, L. R. and Eula Mason acquired 172
11 acres in Garza County, where they began raising livestock and
12 producing cotton, milo, and corn; following Mr. Mason's death,
13 three of his nine children procured the title to the land, and in
14 1959, his eldest son, Thomas Mason, purchased 200 acres of land,
15 including the original property, which he converted into irrigated
16 farmland; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, the farm actively produces cotton, rye, and
18 milo, and five of Thomas Mason's children, Thomas, Charles, Jack,
19 and Joe Mason and Ida Mason Brown, own the land under the name of
20 Mason Family Farms Inc.; and

21 WHEREAS, For the past century, the Mason Family Farm has
22 played an important role in Garza County and helped to preserve the
23 rich agricultural heritage of Texas, and it is indeed fitting that
24 the members of Mason Family Farms Inc. be recognized for their

1 outstanding stewardship; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
3 Legislature hereby commemorate the induction of the Mason Family
4 Farm into the Family Land Heritage Program and extend to all those
5 associated with the farm sincere best wishes for the future; and, be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the Mason family as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.