

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 Sims
3 family of Wheeler County have been officially recognized as heirs
4 to this proud tradition with the acceptance of the Rockin' S Ranch
5 in Wheeler County into the state's Family Land Heritage Program in
6 2018; and

7 WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture,
8 this program honors farms and ranches that have been in continuous
9 agricultural operation by the same family for a century or more;
10 established in 1918, the Rockin' S Ranch is currently owned and
11 operated by Harry Douglas Sims and Sherry Lynn Lepel Sims; and

12 WHEREAS, Douglas Good Sims, a native of Alabama, and his
13 wife, Effie, acquired a 160-acre ranch near Mobeetie in 1918, and
14 they raised beef and dairy cattle, chickens, pigs, cotton, and
15 grain; they were the parents of three children, Ruth, Mary, and
16 Jack; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1977, Jack Sims and his wife, LaRue, took over the
18 ranch, where they raised cattle, horses, and improved grasses;
19 their three children were Sharon, Harry, and Kyle, and in 1990,
20 Harry Sims and his wife, Sherry, became the owners and operators of
21 the Rockin' S; and

22 WHEREAS, Over the years, Harry and Sherry Sims have added
23 more than 3,500 acres to their spread, and they continue to grow
24 cattle, horses, and improved grasses on the ranch's original

1 acreage, where the former ranch house is still used as a camp house
2 and guest quarters; the couple have two children, Juhree and Tye,
3 four grandchildren, Lauren, Chase, Savanna, and Kelton, and two
4 great-grandchildren, Jerry and Jack; and

5 WHEREAS, In preserving their property as a working ranch,
6 Harry and Sherry Sims are making their own contribution to their
7 family's legacy, and it is indeed fitting that they be honored for
8 their outstanding stewardship; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Harry and Sherry Sims on the
11 induction of the Rockin' S Ranch into the Texas Department of
12 Agriculture Family Land Heritage Program and extend to them sincere
13 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Sims as an expression of high regard by
16 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 238

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 238 was adopted by the House on March 6, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House