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H.R. No. 365

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association  
2 is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, Organized in 1944, the Matagorda County Fair and  
4 Livestock Association was created as an outgrowth of the First Bay  
5 City FFA Livestock Show, which was founded by John E. Hutchison;  
6 guided by a mission to educate young Texans, encourage them to  
7 participate in fair activities, and instruct them on the importance  
8 of the agricultural industry, the fair association quickly grew to  
9 serve 4-H and FFA students from throughout Matagorda County; and

10 WHEREAS, The fair association offers various programs and  
11 projects designed to help young people build character, learn  
12 teamwork skills, and acquire leadership qualities; students are  
13 encouraged to study particular topics of interest and demonstrate  
14 their proficiency at fair events such as the annual public speaking  
15 contest, the academic rodeo, the home economics food show, and the  
16 junior livestock show and auction; moreover, the association has  
17 provided more than half a million dollars in scholarships to local  
18 graduating seniors since 1996; and

19 WHEREAS, Each year, volunteers, members, and the Matagorda  
20 County Fair and Livestock Association Board of Directors dedicate  
21 countless hours of hard work to the annual festivities; today the  
22 fair takes place over the course of three weeks between February and  
23 March, and its numerous family-friendly activities include a  
24 carnival, pageants, talent shows, a barbecue cook-off, and a wide

1 variety of rodeo competitions for participants of all ages; in  
2 addition, it hosts themed nights, such as Pink Night, in support of  
3 breast cancer awareness, and Patriot Night, which is dedicated to  
4 veterans of the United States armed forces; and

5 WHEREAS, For 75 years, the Matagorda County Fair and  
6 Livestock Association has brought the community together to benefit  
7 youth, promote agriculture, and celebrate the area's rich history,  
8 and it is truly a pleasure to join in marking this special occasion;  
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of the  
12 Matagorda County Fair and Livestock Association and commend all  
13 those who have contributed to the enduring success of this  
14 noteworthy event; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for the association as an expression of high regard by the  
17 Texas House of Representatives.