

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Boots O'Neal of the Four Sixes Ranch in Guthrie was  
2 honored as the first recipient of the Ranching Heritage Association  
3 Working Cowboy Award on October 13, 2018; and

4           WHEREAS, The Working Cowboy Award was established to  
5 recognize individuals who demonstrate exceptional skill in all  
6 aspects of ranch work, who are widely respected in the ranching  
7 community, and who have distinguished themselves through their  
8 honesty, humility, courage, determination, and optimism; and

9           WHEREAS, After learning to ride horses during his teenage  
10 years in Lefors, Boots O'Neal began his career in 1948 by breaking  
11 broncs for the RO Ranch; he went on to work for some of the state's  
12 most historic ranches, including the JA, the Matador, the Waggoner,  
13 and the Four Sixes, where he has been employed since 1990; at the  
14 age of 85, this resilient cowboy enjoys good health and still  
15 saddles up every day to help take care of the ranch's cattle; he is  
16 renowned for his easygoing personality and has been the subject of  
17 numerous magazine and newspaper articles; and

18           WHEREAS, During a career spanning seven decades, Boots O'Neal  
19 has furthered the rich legacy of ranching that is so closely  
20 associated with the history of the Lone Star State, and he is indeed  
21 deserving of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Boots O'Neal on his selection as  
24 the inaugural recipient of the Ranching Heritage Association

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1 Working Cowboy Award and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
2 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for Mr. O'Neal as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
5 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1109 was adopted by the House on April 12, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House