

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Gil Jones, general manager of the Valley Gin Company  
2 in Tornillo, has enjoyed a long and successful career in the cotton  
3 industry, and over the past year, he has demonstrated a strong  
4 commitment to safety that has helped his company weather the many  
5 challenges it has faced during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

6           WHEREAS, Cotton is the second-largest export in the El Paso  
7 area, and El Paso County is the largest producer of pima cotton in  
8 the State of Texas; when the novel coronavirus arrived in the area,  
9 Mr. Jones acted quickly to overhaul the operations at the Valley  
10 Gin Company and adopt new protocols, including the use of face  
11 masks, barriers, and hand sanitizers, to keep employees, vendors,  
12 and truckers safe; and

13           WHEREAS, Although the pandemic threatened to heavily disrupt  
14 the local industry, the measures adopted by Mr. Jones and the  
15 Valley Gin Company helped sustain a high level of cotton  
16 production; along the way, Mr. Jones also advocated for the passage  
17 of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, which grants greater  
18 market access to farmers and ranchers; and

19           WHEREAS, Gil Jones has distinguished himself through his  
20 leadership at a time of great adversity for many in the field of  
21 agriculture, and his efforts have earned him the respect and  
22 appreciation of his employees and his peers; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby honor Gil Jones for his outstanding career in

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1 the cotton industry and his commendable approach to safety during  
2 the COVID-19 pandemic and extend to him and his employees at the  
3 Valley Gin Company sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it  
4 further

5       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for Mr. Jones as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
7 House of Representatives.

González of El Paso

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 493 was adopted by the House on April 9, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House