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H.R. No. 493

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

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.