

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Brookhaven Youth Ranch is celebrating the 35th
2 anniversary of its founding in 2021; and

3 WHEREAS, Brookhaven was established in 1986 by Robert G.
4 Drake, who brought with him a wealth of experience from his work
5 with the Texas Youth Commission and various youth centers in
6 Oklahoma; with the support of his wife, Dorothy, he purchased 74
7 acres of land near Gholson in order to create a temporary home for
8 youth in need; and

9 WHEREAS, The facility initially served a few boys referred by
10 the Texas Youth Commission, but as its reputation grew, Child
11 Protective Services and probation departments from across the state
12 began sending young people there; today, Brookhaven can house up to
13 61 teenagers, with plans to continue expanding its services; and

14 WHEREAS, Led by Mr. Drake until his passing in 1992,
15 Brookhaven has since benefited from the guidance of former
16 executive directors Wayne Money, Bill Gholson, and Dennis Cooke,
17 and in April 2021, the board of directors named Linda
18 Harrison-Goates as the new executive director; and

19 WHEREAS, Throughout its rich history, Brookhaven Youth Ranch
20 has remained faithful to its mission of providing a safe and
21 nurturing environment for young Texans, and it is indeed fitting to
22 honor the organization on the occasion of this significant
23 milestone; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas

H.R. No. 1089

1 Legislature hereby commemorate the 35th anniversary of Brookhaven
2 Youth Ranch and extend to all those associated with the
3 organization sincere best wishes for continued success with their
4 important work; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1089 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 14, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House