

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 336

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to celebrate the preservation of the Official State Bison Herd of Texas at Caprock Canyons State Park and to designate both September 11, 2021, and September 10, 2022, as an Official State Bison Herd of Texas Day; and

WHEREAS, American bison are a symbol of the historical American West, and the majestic Southern Plains Bison have endured as an icon of our state's heritage, spirit, and culture; once on the brink of extinction, the Texas State Bison Herd serves as a link to our past and as a symbol for an optimistic future; and

WHEREAS, The Texas State Bison Herd remains a treasured piece of our heritage due to the efforts of legendary rancher Charles Goodnight, who began preserving the herd on his Panhandle ranch in 1878 at the urging of his wife; against all odds, the herd has managed to survive for more than 140 years, and today, the majestic animals represent the last of the surviving Southern Plains variety of bison; and

WHEREAS, The Texas State Bison Herd was donated to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and moved to Caprock Canyons State Park in 1997; since that time, the herd has grown from 32 to more than 150 bison; and

WHEREAS, Over the last 24 years, the staff and volunteers at Caprock Canyons State Park have worked diligently to conserve, preserve, and restore the Texas State Bison Herd; as a result of their efforts, Texans will be able to benefit from Charles Goodnight's vision for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby commend all who have helped the Official State Bison Herd of Texas to survive and remain a cherished piece of the American West and Texas culture and encourage Texans across the state to celebrate both September 11, 2021, and September 10, 2022, as an Official State Bison Herd of Texas Day; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of the Official State Bison Herd of Texas.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate