

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 393

WHEREAS, Local dignitaries and other members of the community gathered together on April 10, 2021, for the groundbreaking of Cole Gordon's Helping Hands Ranch in Alvin; and

WHEREAS, The ranch is dedicated to the memory of Cole Gordon, a Friendswood High School student who made immeasurable contributions to his community before his passing on September 22, 2019, at the age of 17; the son of Scott and Heather Gordon, Cole was involved in a wide variety of activities and organizations, including FFA, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Cookoff, the Lighthouse Charity Team, the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, and Rotary Club Galveston; moreover, he gave of his time and talents to help the Friendswood Fire, Police, and EMS Departments and Galveston County Emergency Response; he was also a valued congregant of Friendswood United Methodist Church; during the last nine years of his life, he participated in 750 charitable events and made a difference in the lives of thousands of people; and

WHEREAS, Cole's legacy of service lives on through the Cole Gordon Helping Hand Foundation, which seeks to provide agricultural and environmental education for area children; once the organization completes construction on Helping Hands Ranch, it will offer young Texans the opportunity to learn various skills, such as fishing, raising livestock, and gun safety; and

WHEREAS, While his journey on this earth ended far too soon, Cole Gordon devoted his life to making the world a better place, and Helping Hands Ranch will serve as a fitting tribute to

the memory of this exceptionally kind and generous young man; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby commemorate the groundbreaking of Cole Gordon's Helping Hands Ranch and extend sincere best wishes to all those associated with this worthwhile endeavor; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the ranch as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Taylor

Alvarado	Hancock	Nichols
Bettencourt	Hinojosa	Paxton
Birdwell	Huffman	Perry
Blanco	Hughes	Powell
Buckingham	Johnson	Schwertner
Campbell	Kolkhorst	Seliger
Creighton	Lucio	Springer
Eckhardt	Menéndez	West
Gutierrez	Miles	Whitmire
Hall	Nelson	Zaffirini

Patrick, President of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 12, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate