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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Kade and Morgan Hodges, a husband and wife ranching
2 team from Sterling City, were presented with the American Farm
3 Bureau Federation Young Farmers & Ranchers Achievement Award at the
4 AFBF Convention in San Antonio on January 27, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, The national AFBF award recognizes young farmers and
6 ranchers who have excelled in their agricultural operations while
7 demonstrating exceptional leadership abilities; and

8 WHEREAS, The owners and operators of Hodges Livestock,
9 Mr. and Mrs. Hodges raise Royal White sheep, commercial goats, and
10 commercial Angus-cross cattle in Sterling, Coke, Tom Green,
11 Navarro, and Grimes Counties; additionally, they provide
12 vegetation management services to solar farms through targeted
13 sheep grazing in hybrid grazing-mowing systems; Kade Hodges is a
14 sixth-generation rancher in Sterling County, and his wife also
15 comes from a family with a proud agricultural heritage; they are the
16 devoted parents of a son, Weston Clay Hodges; and

17 WHEREAS, Currently, Mr. Hodges is vice president of the
18 Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, and he also
19 serves as vice chair of the Sterling County Underground Water
20 Conservation District board and as president of the county's
21 livestock predator board; he holds a master's degree in animal
22 science with a focus in small ruminant nutrition; Mrs. Hodges is
23 treasurer of Concho Valley CattleWomen and a board member of the
24 Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau, and in 2024, she served as vice

1 chair of the Texas Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Advisory
2 Committee; she holds a master's degree in beef cattle production
3 and a certificate in ranch management and beef industry leadership;
4 the couple belong to the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers, Texas and
5 Southwestern Cattle Raisers, and American Solar Grazing
6 Associations; and

7 WHEREAS, Kade and Morgan Hodges have proven themselves to be
8 important assets to the Coke-Sterling County Farm Bureau and to the
9 state's agricultural industry, and they may indeed reflect with
10 pride on this well-deserved honor; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Kade and Morgan Hodges on their
13 receipt of the 2025 American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers &
14 Ranchers Achievement Award and extend to them sincere best wishes
15 for continued success; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Hodges as an expression of high regard by
18 the Texas House of Representatives.