

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bradford S. Barnes is retiring as president of the  
2 Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo in April 2025, drawing to a close an  
3 exceptional tenure with FWSSR that has spanned nearly four decades;  
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5 WHEREAS, Brad Barnes joined the Fort Worth Stock Show and  
6 Rodeo in 1986 as an original member of the calf scramble committee,  
7 and he went on to serve on the Hispanic advisory, ranch horse, and  
8 ranch rodeo committees; he was elected to the board of directors in  
9 1987, and three years later, he was appointed to the executive  
10 committee; he became a full-time staff member in 2004 when he was  
11 named executive vice president, and he was promoted to general  
12 manager in 2007; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2010, Mr. Barnes was elected president of FWSSR,  
14 Fort Worth's oldest and largest public event, attracting more than  
15 a million visitors each year and awarding grants and scholarships  
16 to 4-H and FFA exhibitors from across Texas; under his leadership,  
17 the FWSSR has experienced significant growth and program  
18 expansions, and Mr. Barnes has also helped guide renovations at the  
19 Will Rogers Memorial Center, the event's home; moreover, he oversaw  
20 the debut of the Cowboys of Color Rodeo in 2010, and FWSSR further  
21 reflects the diversity of the community through the Best of Mexico  
22 Celebración, the Invitational Escaramuza & Charro Cala  
23 competition, and Día de la Familia; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes is expected to take on the role of FWSSR

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1 president emeritus following his retirement; he is an honorary  
2 director of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association  
3 and a former president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers  
4 Foundation and the Cattle Raisers Museum; in addition, he is  
5 actively involved with the T & L Ranch Company, a family operation  
6 in Jack County; and

7 WHEREAS, Brad Barnes has distinguished himself through his  
8 unwavering commitment to the mission of the Fort Worth Stock Show  
9 and Rodeo, and he may indeed reflect with pride on his myriad  
10 contributions as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his  
11 life; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Bradford S. Barnes on his  
14 retirement as president of the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo and  
15 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success in all his  
16 endeavors; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 861 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House