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S.R. No. 53

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sonny James Equine Ministries of Aledo is making a
2 positive difference in the lives of youth in North Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, Founder and executive director Cherie Morton was
4 inspired to start SJEM in 2016 while providing horse boarding
5 facilities to a number of young riders in the area; with their help,
6 she embarked on creating an equestrian team that would enable its
7 members to strengthen their confidence, discipline, and Christian
8 faith in addition to their horsemanship skills; the following year,
9 Mrs. Morton and her husband, Johnny, formally established the
10 nonprofit organization Sonny James Equine Ministries, which is
11 named for the couple's daughters, Sonny and James; and

12 WHEREAS, SJEM sponsors a wide range of initiatives for middle
13 school- through high school-age students of all riding abilities;
14 in addition to offering riding instruction and riding camps, SJEM
15 conducts equine education and training activities and enables
16 members to compete on its Horsemanship, Ranch Horse, and Rodeo
17 Teams; moreover, the Fellowship Team is focused on faith-based
18 activities and community volunteer projects; and

19 WHEREAS, By fostering positive values and inspiring youth to
20 realize their potential as engaged citizens and leaders, Sonny
21 James Equine Ministries is helping young Texans to build a strong
22 foundation for the future, and all those associated with the
23 organization may reflect with pride on their achievements; now,
24 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
2 hereby recognize Sonny James Equine Ministries for its dedicated
3 efforts to benefit area youth and extend to Cherie and Johnny Morton
4 and the group's members and staff sincere best wishes for continued
5 success; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Sonny James Equine Ministries as an expression of high
8 regard by the Texas Senate.