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S.R. No. 295

SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Russell Irvin deCordova, who died March 16, 2024, at the age of 66; and

WHEREAS, Born May 4, 1957, Russell deCordova was an esteemed Texan who was widely respected for his significant contributions to the Texas cattle industry, and he was inspired to join in this family tradition from a young age and followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Russ shared a rich and rewarding life with his devoted wife, Debbie, and he became a prominent and highly regarded figure throughout the state for his success and influence in the livestock industry and as a breeder and trainer of cutting horses; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished businessman, Russ built his immense success in the cattle industry on the principles of trust and integrity and believed in the value of a man's word and his handshake; in addition to operating his livestock auction business, Superior Livestock, he and his sons owned and operated Buffalo Livestock Marketing, Incorporated, and Russ could often be found writing up cattle sales, welcoming sellers, and mentoring young representatives in the industry; and

WHEREAS, Despite his impressive achievements and impact in the livestock industry, Russ found his true passion in breeding

and raising show horses; he won numerous championships showing cutting horses, and he was a valued member of the National Cutting Horse Association for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Russ was blessed with three children, Amie, Cody, and Ty, and he was a loving grandfather to his eight grandchildren and took great pride in sharing in their hobbies and watching them compete in livestock shows and sporting events; and

WHEREAS, A man of strength, compassion, and determination, Russ deCordova garnered respect in all his endeavors, and above all, he cherished his family and the time they spent together; he was a source of inspiration to many, and he will long be remembered with admiration and affection by his loved ones and by countless others who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Russell Irvin deCordova; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Russ deCordova.