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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 159
By Odom

A RESOLUTION To recognize and honor Robert Dall'Alba for his professional dedication and astute leadership.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those persons who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as economic leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Robert Dall'Alba is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest devotion and integrity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Bob Dall'Alba was born and received his early education in North Queensland; a distinguished scholar and gentleman he obtained a Bachelor of Applied Science from the University of Queensland (Gatton College); and

WHEREAS, A consummate professional, Mr. Dall'Alba has more than 25 years experience in agribusiness in Australia and Southeast Asia; and prior to 1988, he held key positions in Research and Development and Marketing with agricultural chemical companies within Australia and Hong Kong; and

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WHEREAS, Robert Dall'Alba joined Queensland Cotton in 1988, when it was still a statutory board; and during the past ten years he has been an integral part of Queensland Cotton's remarkable development from a statutory board state into a cooperative and finally to a publicly listed company; and

WHEREAS, Robert Dall'Alba has significantly expanded the customer base for Australian cotton and is responsible for the opening of a number of new markets in Asia, Italy, and other European countries; and he has skillfully led the marketing team of Queensland Cotton from promoting around 280,000 bales in 1988 to its present position of over 750,000 bales; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished leader, he has spearheaded the strategies that have enhanced the international reputation of Queensland Cotton; and his innovative and sharp approach to marketing has ensured that Queensland Cotton is regarded highly by spinners in terms of relationship, quality of product, and delivery; and

WHEREAS, Bob Dall'Alba has a great love for horses, and in his free time he enjoys spending time with the many fine horses he owns in Australia; and he attended, as the guest of Lamont and Carole Carter, the 2000 Steeple Chase held in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Dall'Alba has distinguished himself as an exceptional asset to his profession and community; and

WHEREAS, This legislative body finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge Robert Dall'Alba for his diligent and judicious service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize Robert Dall'Alba for his professional commitment to excellence, and applaud his astute leadership and economic prowess. We also extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.