

HOUSE RESOLUTION 192
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A RESOLUTION to honor Bob Medina upon the occasion of his induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor a remarkable professional who has rendered valuable service to the Tennessee Walking Horse industry, one of the Volunteer State's largest and most successful enterprises in terms of agriculture, commerce, tourism, and equine sports; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration is the premier event for the Tennessee Walking Horse; spanning eleven days and nights prior to Labor Day and encompassing exciting competition, the Celebration annually awards more than \$650,000 in prize money and crowns the breed's World Grand Champion and some twenty World Champions; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration (TWHNC) will be inducting a select group of worthy individuals into the TWHNC Hall of Fame during a gala evening at Calsonic Arena on the Celebration grounds in Shelbyville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the TWHNC Hall of Fame ceremony is held biennially to specially honor and recognize those sterling professionals who, "have made significant and outstanding contributions to the Walking Horse industry and the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration" during, "fifteen or more years involvement with the breed"; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary 2006 class of TWHNC Hall of Fame inductees most appropriately includes Bob Medina, whose horses have won twenty World Championships and one World Grand Championship; and

WHEREAS, born in New York City in June 1940, Bob Medina, along with his wife, Mary, bought his first walking horse, a palomino pleasure mare named Honey, in 1980; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Mr. Medina purchased his first "big lick" show horse, and as his string of horses expanded, so did his record of success; his first world championship win was in 1987, with Pride's Gold Prince, and his Thornridge Farm's most recent win was with Hey Hey Ole this past year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his laudable success as an exhibitor, Bob Medina has served on almost every walking horse industry board; he served on the first Celebration Advisory Board and was appointed to represent the Celebration on the Board of Directors of Regulatory; he later sat on the Boards of the Friends of the Show Horse, the Commission, Walking Horse Owners Association, and the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association; Mr. Medina has also served as President of the American Walking Horse Association and has been inducted into the Walking Horse Trainer's Friendship Club; and

WHEREAS, by means of his induction into the TWHNC Hall of Fame, Bob Medina has earned the ultimate accolade given by the walking horse industry, and we should pay homage to his life of purpose, commitment, and accomplishment on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby acknowledge and applaud Bob Medina on the occasion of his induction into the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration Hall of Fame and commend him for his sterling service to the walking horse industry and the State of Tennessee.

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