

Congratulatory Resolution
Windy Ryon Memorial Roping
50th Anniversary

WHEREAS, Don Jackson “Windy” Ryon Jr. was born and raised in the heart of north Fort Worth. After cowboying around Texas, he found his way home to the Fort Worth Stockyards and established Ryon’s Saddle Shop and Western Store. Windy was an avid supporter of roping contests and had a close relationship with many of the competitors, who often sought his advice on equipment; and

WHEREAS, on April 4th, 1973, the sport of rodeo lost their prominent supporter when Windy suffered a heart attack. Soon after, his friends gathered and created an event to honor his memory; and

WHEREAS, the First Annual Windy Ryon Memorial Roping was held June 1st & 2nd, 1974 at the Mason Bristol Ranch in Aledo, Texas. The two-day roping event drew more than 7,000 roping fans to benefit the American Heart Association; and

WHEREAS, in 1976 the Annual Roping Event moved to its current home between Saginaw and Fort Worth’s Northside. It has become a top attraction to both professional rodeo competitors and fans. Every year on Memorial Day Weekend, thousands of spectators enjoy championship calf roping, steer roping, break-away roping, and team roping in the Windy Ryon Arena; and

WHEREAS, today the Windy Ryon Memorial Roping Association benefits a scholarship program which has enriched the lives of countless local youth in agriculture; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, do hereby congratulate the Windy Ryon Memorial Roping Association upon its 50th Anniversary,

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be Affixed this 21st day of May 2024.