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Myrtis Dightman 20th Annual Platinum Labor Day Weekend Rodeo & Trailride set

Crockett, TX. -The Best of Texas Rodeo Association (BTRA) has set its 20th Rodeo for August 30th, 2008, at Porth Agriculture Arena in Crockett, Texas.

This Rodeo was established in 1989 by the living legend Mr. Myrtis Dightman Sr. Mr. Dightman was the

first African American cowboy to make the Pro Rodeo National Finals seven times dating from 1964-1972, which was an outstanding accomplishment in history for Mr. Dightman. He is the first living Black Cowboy inducted in 1997 into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

Dightman also recieved The Ring of Honor for the Professional Bull Riders Association (PBR) in 2003, which was presented to him by Ty Murray, a PBR championship bull rider. Other honors include being inducted into the Cowboy of Color Hall of Fame in 2002, and the Texas Rodeo Hall of Fame in 2001.

This year The Best of Texas Rodeo Association want to make the 20th Annual Myrtis Dightman Rodeo one

that will be remembered for great rodeo entertainment, far exceeding our goal supporting education, facilitating better youth agricultural practices through exhibitions and presentations, and for presenting scholarships to youth seriously interested in rodeo sports.

For more information contact Linda Hickman, Secretary @713 703-6328 or E-Mail > lish49@global.net



Mr. James I. Perkins, Citizens 1st Bank President, received one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed upon an individual. January 29, 2008 the Stephen F. Austin College of Education was named the James I. Perkins College of Education in his honor. Seated here, Mr. Perkins and Nebraska Runing Back, Cody Glenn, also former Citizens 1st Bank employee; Andrew Melontree of the Tyler Bank and Walter Session, Rusk city Councilman. They are viewing a thank you card to Mr. Perkins from Rusk State Hospital Employees and Superintendent Ted Debs for support given to RSH. The card is signed by each employee and has been framed and placed on display in the bank. RSH provides 936 jobs to East Texas.

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