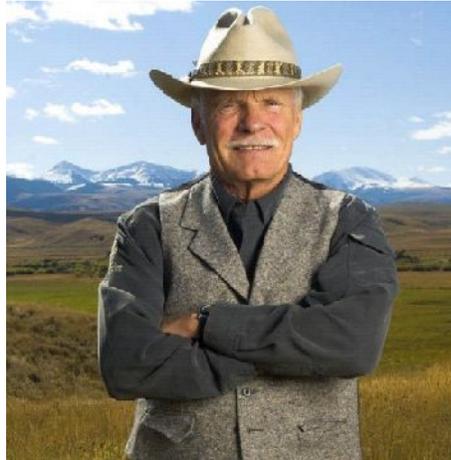


**THE STAR DAY FOUNDATION**  
**FIRST PIONEERS AND LEADERS**  
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**ROBERT EDWARD "TED" TURNER III**

Turner began his career as an account executive with Turner Advertising Company and entered the television business in 1970 when he acquired Atlanta independent UHF station channel 17. In 1976, Turner purchased Major League Baseball's Atlanta Braves and launched TBS Superstation, originating the "Superstation" concept. The following year, Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. acquired the National Basketball Association's Atlanta Hawks, and in 1980 Turner launched CNN, the world's first live, 24-hour global news network.

With approximately two million acres of personal and ranch land, Ted Turner is the second largest individual landholder in North America. Turner lands are innovatively managed to unite economic viability with ecological sustainability. Turner ranches operate as working businesses, relying on bison and hunting/fishing/nature tourism as principal enterprises. In addition, Turner ranches support many progressive environmental projects including water resource and timber management, and the reintroduction of native species to the land. Turner Enterprises also manages over 51,000 bison across the various Turner ranches.

Turner has also made his mark as one of the most influential philanthropists in the U.S. He is the chairman of the Turner Foundation, founded in 1990, which supports efforts for improving air and water quality, developing a sustainable energy future to protect our climate, safeguarding environmental health, maintaining wildlife habitat protection, and developing practices and policies to curb population growth rates. Since its inception, the Turner Foundation has given more than \$380 million to hundreds of organizations.

The Turner Endangered Species Fund,

launched in June 1997, is a core grantee of the Turner Foundation, which works to conserve biodiversity by emphasizing restoration efforts of endangered or imperiled species on the Turner properties.

In January 2002, Turner opened the first Ted's Montana Grill, in Columbus, Ohio, with his partner, George W. McKerrow Jr., founder of the Longhorn Steakhouse chain. Ted's Montana Grill offers classic American comfort food, including bison or beef burgers, in an authentic Montana bar and grill atmosphere. To date, Ted's Montana Grill operates 46 restaurants nationwide. In keeping with Turner's commitment to eco-friendly practices, Ted's Montana Grill utilizes innovative ways to reduce waste and energy consumption.

Turner is also chairman of Turner Enterprises, Inc., a private company, which manages his business interests, land holdings and investments, including the oversight of two million acres in 12 states and in Argentina. Through Turner Enterprises, Turner also manages the largest commercial bison herd (51,000) in North America on 15 ranches in Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and South Dakota.

Over the past several years, Turner has devoted his time and energy toward promoting the use of clean energy sources. While urging others to make the switch from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources, he has already done so in a very large way. In addition, Turner has added solar panels on his numerous properties and recently installed 25 solar canopies in the employee parking lots adjacent to his Atlanta offices.

Throughout his career, Ted Turner has won recognition for his entrepreneurial acumen; sharp business skills; a vision that transformed television; leadership qualities that won sports championships; and his unprecedented philanthropy.

NOTE: The photograph was copied from the website of the bozemandailychronicle.com. The text was drawn from tedturner.com. Ted Turner was nominated for "Honorary Induction" by The Texas Bison Student Study Group sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. Turner shall be formally inducted during "The Mary Ann (Molly) Goodnight Library 2016 Luncheon" hosted by The PALS of Texas Volunteers sponsored by The STAR DAY Foundation. The Luncheon shall be conducted on Saturday, September 10, 2016 in Quitaque, Texas, now known as "The Official State Bison Capital of Texas." Ted Turner has pioneered and led a conservation, preservation and restoration effort to donate bison bulls from his bison herds to Caprock Canyons State Park just north of Quitaque to enhance the genetic diversity of "The Official State Bison Herd of Texas" at the park.

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