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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jac Darsnek is making a significant contribution to
2 the preservation of the heritage of the Lone Star State through his
3 online photography project, Traces of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2004, Mr. Darsnek began photographing places and
5 buildings across Texas that he feared would one day be lost without
6 having been recorded, and in 2013, he started sharing his photos on
7 social media; his Facebook account took off in 2015, when he
8 uploaded a vintage photograph of the original Whataburger location
9 in Corpus Christi from 1955, and the photo reached 12 million
10 viewers; and

11 WHEREAS, Since embarking on the project, Mr. Darsnek has
12 traveled more than 200,000 miles across the state to take pictures,
13 and the Traces of Texas website features a robust collection of his
14 striking color photographs of such sites as roadside cafes, ranch
15 gates, railroad bridges, drive-in theaters, and countless other
16 subjects; the website also includes arcane Texas facts that are
17 updated daily and a forum for visitors to share their own stories
18 and photos; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to the website and Facebook page, Traces
20 of Texas is available on Instagram and Twitter, where followers can
21 enjoy photographs of various sites, as well as stills from classic
22 Texas films and remembrances of celebrated Texans of the past; and

23 WHEREAS, Jac Darsnek has cultivated an online community
24 dedicated to all things Texan, and he may indeed take great pride in

1 his success at documenting the history, people, and culture of his
2 beloved Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
4 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commend Jac Darsnek for
5 creating and maintaining the Traces of Texas online photography
6 project and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and,
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. Darsnek as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.