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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Following a 16-month closure during the COVID-19  
2 pandemic, the Calaboose African American History Museum in San  
3 Marcos celebrated its official reopening on June 19, 2021; and

4 WHEREAS, The event took place on Juneteenth, which  
5 commemorates the emancipation of African American slaves in the  
6 U.S.; the CAAHM reopening celebration featured a talk by  
7 Dr. Leonard Moore, the George Littlefield Professor of American  
8 History at The University of Texas at Austin, and showcased a new  
9 exhibit that depicts generations of local Black-owned businesses;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Established in 1997, CAAHM is located inside the  
12 first jail in Hays County, which was constructed in 1873; when the  
13 second county jail was built in 1884, the calaboose was used to  
14 house Black prisoners; the building served as a USO facility for  
15 Black soldiers during World War II and as a community center and  
16 café; it was designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark in  
17 1990; and

18 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Calaboose African American  
19 History Museum has dedicated itself to preserving African American  
20 history and culture in Hays County, and in so doing, it has  
21 established itself as an invaluable educational resource and a  
22 center of support for the community; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
24 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commemorate the reopening

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1 of the Calaboose African American History Museum and extend to all  
2 those associated with the institution sincere best wishes for the  
3 future; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for the museum and its staff as an expression of high  
6 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.