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H.C.R. No. 78

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission celebrated
2 the 85th anniversary of its founding on November 18, 2020; and

3 WHEREAS, The Twenty-first Amendment to the U.S. Constitution
4 was ratified in December 1933, ending Prohibition and giving
5 individual states the right to regulate alcohol; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1935, Texas voters ratified an amendment to the
7 state constitution that repealed state prohibition, granting local
8 governments across the state the authority to decide if their
9 communities were "wet" or "dry"; and

10 WHEREAS, That same year, a special called session of the 44th
11 Texas Legislature passed the Texas Liquor Control Act, creating the
12 Texas Liquor Control Board, which met for the first time on November
13 18, 1935, in the governor's reception room at the State Capitol; in
14 1970, the board was renamed the Texas Alcoholic Beverage
15 Commission; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, TABC continues to oversee every aspect of the
17 alcoholic beverage industry in Texas, regulating more than 55,000
18 licensed businesses and collecting over \$637 million biannually in
19 taxes and fees that contribute to the funding of state government;
20 the commission also plays a vital role in the effort to combat human
21 trafficking; and

22 WHEREAS, For more than three-quarters of a century, the Texas
23 Alcoholic Beverage Commission has ably served the people of Texas
24 and fulfilled its mission to promote public safety by ensuring the

1 responsible manufacture, sale, and consumption of alcohol; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
4 hereby commemorate the 85th anniversary of the Texas Alcoholic
5 Beverage Commission and extend to the commission's members and
6 employees sincere best wishes for continued success in their
7 important work; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission as an
10 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives and
11 Senate.