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H.C.R. No. 90

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Chili Parlor in Austin has long been a
2 gathering place, a haven, and a refuge for the members and staffers
3 of the Texas Legislature; and

4 WHEREAS, A hole-in-the-wall restaurant on Lavaca Street,
5 only a short walk from the State Capitol, the Chili Parlor was
6 founded in February 1976, and, perhaps coincidentally, perhaps not,
7 chili was declared the official state dish of Texas not long after;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, From its earliest days, the Chili Parlor has drawn a
10 diverse crowd of patrons, from the Austin writers, artists, actors,
11 and musicians who called themselves the Mad Dogs in the 1970s to the
12 countless legislators, state employees, and visitors to the State
13 Capitol who have fueled themselves with the parlor's seven
14 varieties of chili; and

15 WHEREAS, The restaurant is featured in the opening lines of
16 Guy Clark's song "Dublin Blues"--"I wish I was in Austin in the
17 Chili Parlor bar, drinkin' Mad Dog Margaritas and not carin' where
18 you are"--and it was featured in a scene in the Quentin Tarantino
19 movie *Death Proof*; it has been a favorite haunt of such notable
20 Texans as Larry L. King, Willie Nelson, and Ann Richards; and

21 WHEREAS, Thanks to the hard work of owner Scott Zublin,
22 general manager Russell Rich, and its longtime staff, the Chili
23 Parlor remains one of the treasures of Austin, welcoming all who
24 walk through its doors with a "bowl of red" and a colorfully named

1 adult beverage; and

2 WHEREAS, Over the past 45 years, the Texas Chili Parlor has
3 earned the loyalty and affection of the Texas Capitol community as
4 well as countless Austin residents, and it has attained the status
5 of a beloved community institution; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
7 hereby pay tribute to the Texas Chili Parlor and extend to all those
8 associated with the restaurant sincere best wishes for continued
9 success; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the Chili Parlor as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.