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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, After 55 years of service to Paris Coffee Shop in
2 Fort Worth, Mike Smith retired on April 16, 2021, and passed the
3 iconic restaurant on to new ownership; and

4 WHEREAS, Mike Smith's father, Gregory K. Smith, purchased the
5 restaurant at its original location south of downtown Fort Worth in
6 the 1920s; during the 1960s, Mike Smith was working toward his
7 master's degree in administrative management at the University of
8 North Texas when his father fell ill, and he left college to take
9 over the daily management of the restaurant; after the elder
10 Mr. Smith died in 1971, Mike Smith succeeded him as its owner, and
11 it has since grown and attracted a loyal clientele under his watch;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Paris Coffee Shop, an eatery renowned for its
14 friendly, welcoming atmosphere, is best known for the dessert pies
15 that Mr. Smith baked every day; for decades, the warm hospitality
16 that he has extended to his customers has helped make the restaurant
17 a beloved institution in Fort Worth, and he has enjoyed a special
18 friendship and camaraderie with his regulars as well as with his
19 more than two-dozen employees, whom he regards as his extended
20 family; and

21 WHEREAS, Although Mike Smith's retirement is a bittersweet
22 occasion for everyone at Paris Coffee Shop, it is a fitting reward
23 for a man who has dedicated his heart and soul to the restaurant's
24 success for more than a half century, and it is a pleasure to join

1 his many admirers in bidding him a fond farewell; now, therefore, be
2 it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Mike Smith on his well-deserved
5 retirement as the owner of Paris Coffee Shop in Fort Worth and
6 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be
7 it further

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