

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Hardy Meredith was awarded the title of photographer
2 emeritus at Stephen F. Austin State University in 2023, providing a
3 fitting opportunity to pay tribute to his career that has spanned
4 more than four decades; and

5 WHEREAS, A member of the SFA Class of 1981, Mr. Meredith
6 started working at the university in 1996, and over the years, he
7 served as a guest speaker, classroom lecturer, and judge at
8 countless photography contests; his images have been published in
9 five books highlighting the school and the Nacogdoches area; he
10 retired from his alma mater in 2020; and

11 WHEREAS, During his time as a student at SFA, Mr. Meredith
12 took pictures for *The Pine Log*, the school's student newspaper; he
13 began his professional career at the *Tyler Morning Telegraph*, where
14 he earned recognition as a sports action photographer and had work
15 published by the Associated Press; he went on to serve as chief
16 photographer at *The Daily Sentinel* for more than 14 years and
17 continues to work for the paper; in addition, he won the Best of Cox
18 Grand Awards on two occasions, and an art show featuring 50 of his
19 best photographs was held at the Griffith Gallery; and

20 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Meredith enjoys the love
21 and support of a fine family that includes his wife of 34 years,
22 Jeri, his three sons, and his six grandchildren; and

23 WHEREAS, For nearly 25 years, Hardy Meredith chronicled the
24 people and activities of the SFA community, creating a rich and

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1 compelling visual record of life in Nacogdoches, and he is indeed
2 deserving of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
4 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Hardy
5 Meredith on being named photographer emeritus at Stephen F. Austin
6 State University and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
7 future; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 35 was adopted by the House on
November 1, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House