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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Howard Taylor retired from the San Angelo Museum of  
2 Fine Arts on August 1, 2023, after 38 years of exemplary service as  
3 the museum's president and CEO; and

4 WHEREAS, Under Mr. Taylor's leadership, the San Angelo  
5 Museum of Fine Arts became the only museum to receive the National  
6 Service Award from the American Institute of Architects, and it was  
7 further recognized with the Institute of Museum and Library  
8 Services' National Museum Service Award at a ceremony at the White  
9 House; along the way, Mr. Taylor was personally recognized with the  
10 President's Award by the Texas Association of Museums and with the  
11 Citizen of the Year Award by the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce; he  
12 was also honored with the John L. Nau III Award for Excellence in  
13 Museums by the Texas Historical Commission; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor holds a bachelor of fine arts degree from  
15 the Columbus College of Art and Design in Ohio, and he has pursued  
16 further studies in American civilization and historical archeology  
17 at the University of Pennsylvania; in addition, he is a graduate of  
18 the museum management program offered by the Museums Collaborative  
19 of New York and the Columbia University Business School, and he has  
20 completed a cultural arts management program through the University  
21 of Pennsylvania's Wharton School; and

22 WHEREAS, Before coming to Texas to take the helm of the  
23 museum, Mr. Taylor served as chief of interpretation for the  
24 Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society and as assistant

1 director of the Philadelphia Maritime Museum; he has been actively  
2 involved in several professional associations, having led the  
3 Museum Council of Greater Philadelphia as president and presided  
4 over the American Association of Museums annual meeting as  
5 co-chair; he has also served on the board of directors of the  
6 American Alliance of Museums and as president of AAM's largest  
7 professional committee, the National Association for Museum  
8 Exhibition; moreover, he is a past president of the Texas  
9 Association of Museums, and he has frequently been invited to speak  
10 at museums and art venues throughout the country; and

11 WHEREAS, The San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts has benefited  
12 immeasurably from Howard Taylor's visionary leadership and his  
13 unwavering commitment to the institution's mission, and the impact  
14 of his contributions will be felt for many years to come; now,  
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
17 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Howard Taylor on the  
18 occasion of his retirement from the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts  
19 and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it  
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for Mr. Taylor as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
23 House of Representatives.