By: Menéndez S.R. No. 60

RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, DeWese's Tip Top Cafe in San Antonio is marking the
- 2 85th anniversary of its founding in 2023; and
- 3 WHEREAS, This beloved local establishment was first opened as
- 4 Tip Top Sandwich Shop by Winnie and J. A. "Pappy" DeWese in 1938; by
- 5 the 1950s, the eatery had changed its name to Tip Top Cafe, and it
- 6 was serving everything from fried chicken and steak to sandwiches
- 7 and Mexican food; Mr. and Mrs. DeWese's son, Ancel DeWese,
- 8 eventually took over the restaurant, and it was passed on to the
- 9 couple's granddaughter, Linda DeWese, in 1981; she retired in 2016,
- 10 selling the business to Jim Scott and Gerardo Mancera; and
- 11 WHEREAS, DeWese's Tip Top Cafe gained national attention in
- 12 2001, when it served as the setting for an ESPN advertisement
- 13 campaign with Tim Duncan of the San Antonio Spurs; it was also
- 14 featured on the Food Network show Diners, Drive-ins and Dives; the
- 15 restaurant has been named a Legacy Business by the San Antonio
- 16 Office of Historic Preservation, and over the years, it has
- 17 received numerous awards for some of its most popular menu items,
- 18 including its onion rings and chicken-fried steak; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Local businesses of long standing play a vital role
- 20 in the culture and economy of the Lone Star State, and it is indeed a
- 21 pleasure to honor DeWese's Tip Top Cafe for the high regard it has
- 22 enjoyed in the San Antonio community over the past eight and a half
- 23 decades; now, therefore, be it
- 24 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 3rd

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- 1 Called Session, hereby commemorate the 85th anniversary of DeWese's
- 2 Tip Top Cafe in San Antonio and extend to all those associated with
- 3 the restaurant sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be
- 4 it further
- 5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 6 prepared for DeWese's Tip Top Cafe as an expression of high regard
- 7 by the Texas Senate.