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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Kate Johnson of Kyle has greatly benefited Hays  
2 County through her tireless efforts to preserve its historic and  
3 cultural heritage; and

4 WHEREAS, The former chair of the Hays County Historical  
5 Commission, Ms. Johnson has played a key role in numerous  
6 preservation projects, among them the restoration of the Kyle  
7 Railroad Depot and Heritage Center and of the 1884 Hays County Jail  
8 and the establishment of the Historic Hays County Courthouse Museum  
9 in San Marcos; she was the driving force behind restoration of the  
10 Kyle home of author Katherine Ann Porter as well, now the Katherine  
11 Ann Porter Literacy Center, which hosts writing programs and houses  
12 a full-time writer-in-residence from Texas State University; under  
13 her leadership, the commission produced 10 documentaries on such  
14 topics as the county's namesake, Jack C. Hays, and local life during  
15 the World War II era; since 2008, the Hays County Historical  
16 Commission has received a consecutive series of annual  
17 Distinguished Service Awards; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Johnson has also worked with other  
19 organizations on the preservation of many area homes and buildings,  
20 including the Buda Stagecoach House, the Winters-Wimberley House,  
21 Kyle City Hall, and the Isham Jones Good House; she has served on  
22 the boards of the Historic Hays County Courthouse Museum and of  
23 Preservation Texas, which she further supported in its initiative  
24 to identify and protect at-risk historic sites; she purchased and

1 restored two important sections of the Buck Winn "History of  
2 Ranching" mural and donated them to the Hays County Government  
3 Center; she has been a generous patron of the arts and culture as  
4 well, supporting the Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos, the  
5 Burdine Johnson Theater at Hays High School, and the Burdine  
6 Johnson Indoor Studio Theatre at the EmilyAnn Theatre and Gardens  
7 in Wimberley; moreover, she has made significant donations to local  
8 libraries and schools; and

9 WHEREAS, The Hays County commissioners court presented  
10 Ms. Johnson with the inaugural Kate Johnson Award for Volunteer of  
11 the Year, and it named November 10, 2015, as Kate Johnson Day; she  
12 has also received the Commissioner's Award and two John Ben  
13 Shepperd County Historical Commission Leadership Awards from the  
14 Texas Historical Commission; and

15 WHEREAS, Through her steadfast devotion to protecting the  
16 heritage of her community, Kate Johnson has earned the respect and  
17 admiration of innumerable people in Hays County and beyond; now,  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby honor Kate Johnson for her contributions to Hays  
21 County; and, be it further

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