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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Austin premiere of the documentary *Grid Down,*
2 *Power Up* provides a welcome opportunity to recognize its narrator,
3 native Texan Dennis Quaid, for his outstanding career as an actor;
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5 WHEREAS, Born in Houston, Mr. Quaid graduated from Bellaire
6 High School and went on to attend the University of Houston; he left
7 college to move to Los Angeles and quickly landed roles in a number
8 of productions; his on-screen breakthrough came in 1979 in the
9 coming-of-age drama *Breaking Away*; and

10 WHEREAS, In the subsequent years, Mr. Quaid continued
11 building his credits, most notably in *The Right Stuff* as Houston
12 astronaut Gordon Cooper; in 1984, he appeared on stage in Sam
13 Shepard's *True West*, and he later demonstrated his range as an
14 actor, playing a Louisiana detective in *The Big Easy*, a U.S. Navy
15 aviator in the science fiction comedy *Innerspace*, and rockabilly
16 legend Jerry Lee Lewis in the biopic *Great Balls of Fire*; and

17 WHEREAS, Beginning with *The Parent Trap* in 1998, Mr. Quaid
18 enjoyed one of the most successful stretches of his career, earning
19 plaudits as a beleaguered quarterback in *Any Given Sunday*, as an
20 unsavory lawyer in *Traffic*, and as a middle-aged high school
21 baseball coach who tries out for the big leagues in *The Rookie*; in
22 2003, he received an Independent Spirit Award for his powerful
23 performance in Todd Haynes's family drama *Far from Heaven*, and two
24 years later, he portrayed Lone Star State legend Sam Houston in a

1 remake of *The Alamo*; along the way, he acted in hit films such as *The*
2 *Day After Tomorrow* and *In Good Company*, and in 2010, he received
3 Emmy, Golden Globe, and Screen Actors Guild nominations for his
4 depiction of former president Bill Clinton in *The Special*
5 *Relationship*; over the next decade, his credits included starring
6 in the CBS series *Vegas*, and more recently, he served as the
7 narrator in David Tice's documentary *Grid Down, Power Up*, which
8 focuses on the potential dangers of the U.S. power grid going down;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Quaid was inducted into the Texas Film Hall of
11 Fame in Austin in 2005; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to his work as an actor, Mr. Quaid is a
13 talented musician, and he and his band The Sharks released their
14 debut album, *Out of the Box*, in November 2018; and

15 WHEREAS, For more than four decades, Dennis Quaid has
16 delighted audiences on stage and screen in a wide range of dramatic
17 and comedic roles, and it is indeed fitting to acknowledge the
18 contributions of this talented Texan; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
20 hereby honor Dennis Quaid for his achievements and extend to him
21 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Mr. Quaid as an expression of high regard by the Texas
24 Senate.