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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A colossal version of *I Am Texas*, which holds the
2 Guinness World Record for the largest published book in the world,
3 is visiting the Texas Capitol on May 2, 2023, as part of the
4 Lonestar book tour; and

5 WHEREAS, An ode to Texas from a child's perspective, *I Am*
6 *Texas* contains stories, poetry, and art from 1,000 students in 3rd
7 through 12th grade from more than 80 school districts across the
8 state; the book is based on the bestselling *Ordinary People Change*
9 *the World* series by author Brad Meltzer and illustrator Christopher
10 Eliopoulos and was created through a collaboration between iWRITE
11 Literacy Organization and the Bryan Museum in Galveston; and

12 WHEREAS, Spanning 7 by 11 feet and weighing nearly 500
13 pounds, this enormous text was officially named the largest
14 published book in the world by Guinness World Records in Houston on
15 November 5, 2022; the 2023 book tour also includes stops at the
16 Alamo, Stark Museum, Schreiner University, and the Dallas
17 Historical Society; and

18 WHEREAS, *I Am Texas* celebrates the story of the Lone Star
19 State through the eyes of the next generation of Texans, and those
20 who helped bring this Texas-sized project to fruition are indeed
21 deserving of recognition; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
23 hereby recognize *I Am Texas* on being named the largest published
24 book in the world by Guinness World Records and commend all those

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1 involved in the book's creation.