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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The completion of Rett Reef off the coast of  
2 San Leon in Galveston Bay will mark the first oyster restoration  
3 reef in Texas established by a private oyster industry member; and

4           WHEREAS, Lisa Halili, the founder of the San Leon Oyster Fest  
5 (SLOF), first conceived of the idea for Rett Reef to raise awareness  
6 of Rett syndrome, a rare neurodevelopmental disorder that primarily  
7 impacts girls and women and is characterized by slowing  
8 development, loss of mobility, and other life-changing symptoms;  
9 the Rett Reef project is being made possible through a partnership  
10 involving SLOF, Pier 6 Seafood & Oyster House, Prestige Oysters,  
11 The Nature Conservancy, and Texas Sea Grant at Texas A&M  
12 University; and

13           WHEREAS, For the creation of Rett Reef, Pier 6 is donating all  
14 the shells necessary to help restore a historical sport fishing  
15 reef that was destroyed by Hurricane Ike; upon its completion, the  
16 nonharvestable oyster reef will span 10 acres, and it will play an  
17 instrumental role in improving water quality, attracting fauna,  
18 protecting the area from storm surges, and educating the public  
19 about the many benefits provided by oyster reefs; in addition, the  
20 reef will serve as a habitat for fish and invertebrate species, and  
21 anglers will be able to use the reef as a recreational fishing  
22 location; and

23           WHEREAS, With its natural beauty and abundant wildlife, the  
24 Galveston Bay area is one of the treasures of the Lone Star State,

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1 and Rett Reef is sure to be a valuable addition to this vibrant and  
2 unique ecosystem; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature  
4 hereby recognize Rett Reef in Galveston Bay and extend to all those  
5 associated with the reef sincere appreciation for their efforts to  
6 bring the project to fruition.