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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In July 2003, a group of Texas legislators enjoyed
2 an exquisite meal hosted by the renowned Julius' Castle restaurant
3 in San Francisco, California; and

4 WHEREAS, Perched atop Telegraph Hill, this fine
5 establishment had long been a dream of Julius Roz, a former
6 restaurant counterman and Italian immigrant; his dream became a
7 reality in 1922, when Julius' Castle was constructed from rich
8 redwoods and elegant maples; and

9 WHEREAS, Through the years, the golden pages of San Francisco
10 history have turned outside its windows; in 1933, the building of
11 the Bay Bridge was begun and to the east the manmade Treasure Island
12 was dredged from the bottom of the bay for the 1939 World's Fair;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, During World War II, patrons at Julius' Castle saw
15 the passing gray parade of battlewagons, carriers, destroyers, and
16 troop ships; in contrast to these heavyweights, the ferries
17 continued their daily runs in the shadow of the newly built Bay
18 Bridge; though the ferries retired in 1958, they returned smaller
19 and faster in the late 1960s to serve the growing suburbs of Marin
20 County; and

21 WHEREAS, Over the last 75 years, the Castle has aged and
22 mellowed gracefully as a part of San Francisco; even though it is
23 out of the way, people still wind their way to the top of Telegraph
24 Hill to enjoy the fine food and service at Julius' Castle; and

1 WHEREAS, The food is consistently superb, cooked with
2 classical verve, while the extensive Wine and Spirits list is a
3 consecutive winner of the *Wine Spectator's* "Award of Excellence,"
4 and the service is first-class with an efficient blend of quiet
5 elegance and warmth; and

6 WHEREAS, The Castle provides a euphoric atmosphere, where one
7 may linger in soft candlelight, transfixed by a view that is
8 unparalleled anywhere in the city; to the west, Alcatraz, the
9 former federal island prison, looms large; along the east shore are
10 the lights of Richmond, El Cerrito, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville,
11 Oakland, and Alameda, and the nighttime view from the Castle is a
12 sparkling mosaic of multicolored lights on black velvet; and

13 WHEREAS, Benefiting today from the combined talents of owner
14 Jeffrey Pollack, manager Milton Saravia, and Chef Robert Cavé, the
15 restaurant remains a favorite to individuals with a reasoned and
16 seasoned palate whose loyalty springs from a shared recognition
17 that some meals are meant to be savored slowly, with a deliberate
18 and contemplative purpose met admirably in the confluence of
19 atmosphere, food, and service at Julius' Castle; and

20 WHEREAS, Designated an Official San Francisco Historical
21 Landmark, the restaurant has sustained success through eight
22 decades of changing American tastes and eating habits; with its
23 outstanding cuisine, attentive service, and outstanding view of the
24 city, Julius' Castle is truly worthy of special recognition; now,
25 therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
27 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Julius' Castle

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1 restaurant for its culinary achievements and extend to its owners
2 and staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the restaurant as an expression of high regard by the
6 Texas House of Representatives.