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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than five decades, Bob Banner has displayed
2 considerable creative abilities on national entertainment venues
3 and has generously shared his knowledge and passion for television
4 and theater with young Texans; and

5 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Ennis, Mr. Banner is an
6 accomplished producer and director whose talent and experience have
7 helped him cultivate a flourishing career in this highly
8 competitive field and win numerous well-deserved accolades for his
9 efforts, including nine Emmy Awards; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Banner began his work in television in 1948 as
11 floor manager on "Kukla, Fran and Ollie"; while directing "Garroway
12 at Large," his ability caught the attention of Fred Waring, who
13 invited Mr. Banner to produce and direct the "Fred Waring Show" for
14 CBS; and

15 WHEREAS, After gaining his footing in the industry, this
16 ambitious and gifted gentleman moved to Los Angeles, where he
17 produced and directed "The Dinah Shore Chevy Show," which garnered
18 numerous awards; he later formed Bob Banner Associates and over the
19 next 15 years his company produced a host of successful shows
20 including "The Garry Moore Show," "Candid Camera," and "The Carol
21 Burnett Show"; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Banner went on to bring hits like "Solid Gold,"
23 "Star Search," and "Showtime at the Apollo" to television; in later
24 years he revived his passion for theater by producing *My Sweet*

1 *Charlie* on Broadway and touring a production of *Joy Ride: The True*
2 *Story of Grandma Moses*; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1986, he began teaching a screenwriting and
4 directing class at his alma mater, Southern Methodist University
5 and now he has developed a distance-learning course to teach
6 screenwriting over the Internet; and

7 WHEREAS, Though he has spent many years in Hollywood, Mr.
8 Banner has always embraced his Texas roots, which he credits with
9 inspiring and encouraging his appreciation for entertaining, and it
10 is indeed appropriate that he receive special legislative
11 recognition; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
13 Legislature hereby commend Bob Banner on his many achievements in
14 the field of television and extend to him sincere best wishes for
15 continued success and happiness; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mr. Banner as an expression of high regard by the Texas
18 House of Representatives.