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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, under the
2 leadership of cofounder and chairman of the board Lonnie "Bo"
3 Pilgrim, has brought increased economic opportunity to many East
4 Texas residents through its extensive contributions to Texas
5 agriculture; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1946, 17-year-old Bo Pilgrim and his older
7 brother, Aubrey, started a modest farm supply store in Pittsburg,
8 Texas, and that business was the forerunner of today's highly
9 successful Pilgrim's Pride Corporation; now the second-largest
10 poultry producer in both the United States and Mexico, Pilgrim's
11 Pride employs 24,500 people at its Pittsburg headquarters and more
12 than two dozen other offices and facilities; the company processes
13 approximately 2.5 billion pounds of ready-to-cook chicken, 300
14 million pounds of turkey, and 500 million eggs annually, and it
15 utilizes more than 800 contract family farms in the State of Texas
16 for the purpose of producing chickens for Pilgrim's Pride
17 Corporation, thereby helping to preserve the family farm concept
18 and helping to save rural America; and

19 WHEREAS, A former chairman of the National Chicken Council
20 (NCC), Mr. Pilgrim currently serves on the NCC's board of
21 directors; he has also served as president of the Midwest Feed
22 Manufacturers Association and has given generously of his time and
23 talents as a member of the Texas Water Resources Board, the
24 Governor's Task Force for Agriculture, the Governor's Business

1 Council, and the board of Dallas Baptist University; in addition,
2 he has chaired the board of Pilgrim Bank since 1969; and

3 WHEREAS, A popular speaker with audiences in Texas, Mr.
4 Pilgrim is known for his down-to-earth style and wit; this
5 accomplished businessman is a person of strong faith who is deeply
6 committed to traditional and biblical values and makes it a point to
7 attribute his company's outstanding success to Jesus Christ; and

8 WHEREAS, The recipient of several accolades for outstanding
9 marketing campaigns, Mr. Pilgrim has been further honored with a
10 Russell H. Perry Free Enterprise Award from Dallas Baptist
11 University; moreover, he has been named East Texan of the Year by
12 the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, Man of the Year in Texas
13 Agriculture by the Texas County Agriculture Agents Association, and
14 Distinguished Texan in Agriculture by the Agriculture Program of
15 The Texas A&M University System; and

16 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. Pilgrim enjoys the love
17 and support of his wife, Patty, their children, Ken, Greta, and Pat,
18 and their grandchildren; and

19 WHEREAS, Committed to fostering the prosperity of rural
20 America, Bo Pilgrim and the Pilgrim's Pride Corporation have
21 provided employment to numerous Texans and greatly benefited the
22 economy of our state; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
24 Legislature hereby commend Lonnie "Bo" Pilgrim and the Pilgrim's
25 Pride Corporation for their longtime contributions to the economic
26 strength of the Lone Star State and extend to all associated with
27 the company warmest best wishes for continued success; and, be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for Mr. Pilgrim as an expression of high regard by the
4 Texas House of Representatives.