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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Jenkins and Virginia Garrett have been selected to  
2 receive the 2003 Award of Excellence in Preserving History  
3 presented by the Texas Historical Commission; and

4           WHEREAS, Nominated for the award by Ron Tyler, director of  
5 the Texas State Historical Association, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett are  
6 being given this accolade for their myriad contributions to the  
7 preservation and study of Texas history; and

8           WHEREAS, For many decades, the Garretts have actively  
9 participated in various historical organizations, including the  
10 Tarrant County Historical Commission, Tarrant County Historical  
11 Society, Philip Lee Phillips Society, Philosophical Society of  
12 Texas, and Texas State Historical Association, which Mr. Garrett  
13 has led as president; in addition, Mr. Garrett founded the  
14 Collector's Institute and was instrumental in the development of  
15 the *New Handbook of Texas*; and

16           WHEREAS, They have greatly supported the Cartographic  
17 History Center at The University of Texas at Arlington as key  
18 architects of the Texas Map Society and are primary benefactors of  
19 the special collections division of The University of Texas at  
20 Arlington Library, which houses the Jenkins Garrett Library and  
21 Virginia Garrett Map Collection; moreover, they sponsor the  
22 biannual Virginia Garrett Lecture in the History of Cartography at  
23 The University of Texas at Arlington; and

24           WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett have devoted their lives to a

1 noble pursuit, and their work in the collection, preservation, and  
2 collation of historical resources will have untold benefits for  
3 future generations; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby honor Jenkins and Virginia Garrett on their most  
6 deserving receipt of the 2003 Award of Excellence in Preserving  
7 History from the Texas Historical Commission; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Garrett as an expression of high regard by  
10 the Texas House of Representatives.