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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, For more than two decades, The Orange Show 2 Foundation of Houston has brought folk art to the masses, providing 3 immeasurable enjoyment to countless Texans and visitors from across 4 the nation; and

WHEREAS, The aim of the foundation, a nonprofit organization founded in 1980, is to preserve works of extraordinary imagination and celebrate the artist in everyone; The Orange Show Foundation holds the largest database and collection of reference material on monumental works of self-taught artists and folk art in the Southwest and offers a diverse schedule of cultural and educational programs for children and adults; and

WHEREAS, Popular activities hosted by the foundation include Art Car Weekend, a celebration of decorated automobiles and the largest event of its kind in the world; Eyeopener Tours, introducing audiences through group tours to unique people and places; and the ever-inspiring Orange Show monument, where a multitude of programs are offered within the confines of an extraordinary playground of art created by Jefferson Davis McKissack; and

WHEREAS, With commitment and enthusiasm, The Orange Show Foundation has pursued a mission to encourage people of all ages to explore their creativity and broaden their artistic horizons, and these noble efforts are truly worthy of praise; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

Legislature hereby commend The Orange Show Foundation for stirring

the collective imagination of the Lone Star State and extend to all

associated with the foundation best wishes for continued success;

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for The Orange Show Foundation as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 759 was adopted by the House on May 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House