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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Robert A. Caro, internationally renowned author and
2 historian, has received both a Pulitzer Prize and the National Book
3 Award for *Master of the Senate*, the third volume in his series
4 chronicling the life and career of President Lyndon Baines Johnson;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, This volume, which has also won the *Los Angeles*
7 *Times* Book Award, is yet another milestone in Mr. Caro's
8 illustrious career, during which he has won acclaim as one of the
9 greatest biographers of our time; and

10 WHEREAS, Spanning a period of several decades, his meticulous
11 research has required him to immerse himself in the places where
12 President Johnson lived and worked; from his native New York, Mr.
13 Caro and his wife Ina moved to the Texas Hill Country, providing him
14 with the opportunity to spend many years reviewing the documents
15 contained at the LBJ Library in Austin and to speak with Texans
16 connected to the president's life, many of whom had never before
17 been interviewed; the Caros have also lived in Washington, D.C.,
18 enabling this exceptional author to follow in the president's path
19 as he moved from the Lone Star State to the national stage; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Caro's experience as an investigative reporter
21 is evident in the complex and comprehensive nature of his first two
22 volumes in the Johnson series, *The Path to Power*, which won the
23 National Book Critics Circle Award as the best nonfiction book of
24 1982, and *Means of Ascent*, which won the same award for the year

1 1990; *Master of the Senate* details President Johnson's life and
2 career as a United States senator, and the book has already been
3 hailed as required reading for all students of the American
4 political process; and

5 WHEREAS, With the publication of each new volume in the LBJ
6 series, Robert Caro has added immeasurably to the world's
7 understanding of one of the Lone Star State's most fascinating
8 icons, and the citizens of Texas are proud to pay tribute to Mr.
9 Caro's stellar achievements as a scholar and biographer; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
12 Legislature hereby commend Robert A. Caro for his exceptional
13 literary contributions and extend to him best wishes in his future
14 endeavors; and, be it further

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