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H.R. No. 578

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is pleased to
2 recognize Celebrate Texas for its many contributions to our state
3 and its sponsorship of this year's Texas Independence Day
4 festivities; and

5 WHEREAS, Celebrate Texas was created six years ago by the
6 late Jay L. Johnson, Jr., a longtime Austin civic and business
7 leader; Jay's great love and vision for celebrating Texas
8 Independence Day continues today through the work of Celebrate
9 Texas and Jay's widow, Marsha Johnson; and

10 WHEREAS, Jay created the slogan "Together We're Texas" for
11 Texas Independence Day celebrations, emphasizing that the holiday
12 belongs to all Texans and that the celebrations should reflect the
13 many cultures that make up the history of our great state; and

14 WHEREAS, Events hosted by Celebrate Texas this year include
15 the State Cemetery Memorial Service, the Capitol Celebration, the
16 Texas Independence Day Parade, the annual 5K Run, the annual State
17 Champion Bar-B-Q Cook-off, and the Jay L. Johnson Memorial Golf
18 Tournament; and

19 WHEREAS, Participants in the Celebrate Texas Capitol
20 Celebration are The Happy Czech Singers from La Grange, the Buffalo
21 Soldiers of the Ninth Cavalry at Camp Mabry, Miss Ashli Parish of
22 the Holy Cross Catholic Church Youth Choir, the Lone Star Kids and
23 K. R. Wood and the Fathers of Texas Band from Electra, Texas, Roy
24 Lozano's Ballet Folklorico Group, and the Texas School for the Deaf

1 Signing Choir; and

2 WHEREAS, Celebrate Texas deserves recognition for bringing
3 Texans together in celebration of Texas Independence Day and for
4 promoting patriotism and pride in our state; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
6 Legislature hereby commend the members of Celebrate Texas on their
7 hard work and superior planning and express appreciation to them
8 for organizing these Texas Independence Day activities; and, be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Celebrate Texas as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.