

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In the late 1920s, the former Marchman Hotel opened  
2 at the intersection of 10th and Lamar in downtown Wichita Falls;  
3 eighty years later, a group of local investors has restored the  
4 building and preserved a piece of their city's rich architectural  
5 history; and

6           WHEREAS, The hotel, built by O. F. Marchman who leased it to  
7 the Hilton chain shortly after its completion, played host to many  
8 famous guests, including John Wayne, Lyndon Johnson, and Hubert  
9 Humphrey; after it closed in 1971, the building housed the Clampitt  
10 Retirement Center until 2000; and

11           WHEREAS, Prompted by a love of the building, new owners  
12 decided to restore it to its former glory, and now it houses the  
13 offices of five state agencies, including the Department of Family  
14 and Protective Services, and nearly 200 state employees; the owners  
15 decided to maintain the integrity of the building by returning the  
16 lobby to its 1920s style and keeping the original reception  
17 counter, room-key cabinet, and tile floors; and

18           WHEREAS, The preservation of the Marchman building is a true  
19 testament to the hardworking attitude and can-do spirit of the  
20 citizens of Wichita Falls; the building is a reminder of the city's  
21 past and will continue to serve to educate future generations about  
22 the history of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby commemorate the restoration of the Marchman

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1 Hotel and extend to all those associated with this institution best  
2 wishes for the future.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 595 was adopted by the House on March 17, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House