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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.