

By: Villarreal

H.R. No. 657

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For 100 years, H-E-B has been a leader in the Texas  
2 retail industry, providing a vital service to the citizens of the  
3 Lone Star State, and the occasion of its centennial offers a fitting  
4 opportunity to pay tribute to this Texas institution; and

5           WHEREAS, The story of H-E-B began in 1905 in Kerrville, where  
6 the company was founded as a family grocery by Florence Butt; since  
7 then, it has been built into one of the world's most successful  
8 retailers by her son, Howard E. Butt, and his son, Charles Butt; and

9           WHEREAS, Now beginning its second century, H-E-B continues to  
10 be an innovative retailer; it employs more than 56,000 people and is  
11 a model for ethics in business and corporate citizenship; and

12           WHEREAS, H-E-B has long practiced the idea that a grocer's  
13 role in a community goes well beyond supplying food, and in this  
14 spirit the company contributes five percent of its pretax earnings  
15 to public and charitable programs; and

16           WHEREAS, H-E-B is a vital partner to the more than 150 Texas  
17 communities it serves, contributing significant resources in the  
18 areas of hunger relief and prevention, education, diversity, health  
19 and wellness, the environment, and the arts; indeed, the company's  
20 commitment to food banks is unparalleled, and its ongoing efforts  
21 to battle hunger and support hunger relief programs is contributing  
22 significantly to the well-being of countless Texans; and

23           WHEREAS, Adopting environmental conservation and efficiency  
24 is part of every aspect of H-E-B's business, from its trucking

1 fleets to its corporate headquarters at the historic Arsenal in San  
2 Antonio; in recognition of these efforts, H-E-B became the first  
3 retail company honored with the Texas Governor's Award for  
4 Environmental Excellence in 1997; and

5 WHEREAS, A retailer that promotes Texas produce and products,  
6 H-E-B is an important part of the Texas economy, and its century of  
7 service is a proud achievement worthy of special recognition; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby designate March 10, 2005, as H-E-B Celebration  
11 100 Day in Texas and extend best wishes to the many individuals who  
12 have contributed to the longstanding success of this fine company;  
13 and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for H-E-B as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
16 House of Representatives.