

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The well-being of the people of Texas depends on
2 economic prosperity throughout the state, and businesses that
3 employ Texans and contribute to local economies are important
4 components of a prosperous future; and

5 WHEREAS, Established on May 31, 1950, the Dairy Queen in
6 Henderson is celebrating its 55th anniversary in 2005 as well as its
7 standing as the oldest operating Dairy Queen in the state; and

8 WHEREAS, Current owners Rob and Dusti Beall, and past owners
9 J. N. Grimes and Gene Brumbelow, refer to the establishment as "the
10 eating and meeting place of Texas," and this moniker suggests the
11 special function this chain restaurant has served since its
12 founding on June 22, 1940, in Joliet, Illinois; and

13 WHEREAS, DQ was established when the McCullough family of
14 Moline, Illinois, invented the first soft-serve ice cream machine
15 and founded the company they called Dairy Queen; a Missouri
16 businessman named O. W. Klose obtained the rights to sell the
17 product in Texas, and in 1946, he opened the state's first DQ on
18 Guadalupe Street in Austin; and

19 WHEREAS, Through the years, the "Texas Stop Sign" has become
20 a fixture of rural life in the Lone Star State, where it serves as a
21 gathering spot for students, businessmen, friends, and family;
22 across the state, the restaurant's dedicated owners and operators
23 continue to dedicate themselves to furthering the company's
24 popularity and fulfilling its slogan to "treat you right"; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor the 55th anniversary of the founding of
4 the Henderson Dairy Queen and extend to all those associated with
5 this local landmark sincere best wishes for continued success; and,
6 be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the Henderson Dairy Queen as an expression of high
9 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1796

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1796 was adopted by the House on May 27, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House