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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies
2 at Southern Methodist University in Dallas is rendering exceptional
3 service to Texans through its support of academic scholarship and
4 its presentation of a variety of public and university programs
5 that focus on the history and culture of the southwestern United
6 States; and

7 WHEREAS, Established in 1996 with a generous donation from
8 former Texas Governor William P. Clements, the center promotes
9 research, publishing, and teaching and sponsors lectures,
10 symposia, and other programs related to the Southwest and the
11 U.S.-Mexico borderlands; and

12 WHEREAS, Activities include the support of three
13 post-doctoral research fellows each year, enabling them to have the
14 opportunity to bring significant book-length manuscripts to
15 fruition; the center also contributes resources to SMU's innovative
16 Ph.D. program of the William P. Clements Department of History,
17 which includes a special emphasis on the American Southwest and
18 Mexico; in addition, the center offers grants to university faculty
19 and students in the humanities and social sciences who conduct
20 research in these geographic areas and, together with SMU's
21 DeGolyer Library, provides travel research grants to national and
22 international scholars who wish to draw on the library's rich
23 collections; and

24 WHEREAS, In an effort to promote new publications about the

1 region, the center awards the annual William P. Clements Prize for
2 the Best Non-Fiction Book on Southwestern America; moreover, the
3 center underwrites a new book project each year that advances
4 scholarship in the area and teams up with the DeGolyer Library to
5 print new editions of relevant 19th- and 20th-century publications;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Through the exceptional vision and leadership of
8 David J. Weber, the center's founding director, and the generosity
9 of the Honorable William P. Clements, the Clements Center for
10 Southwest Studies plays a vital role in heightening interest in and
11 awareness of the compelling history and culture of this unique
12 region; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
14 Legislature hereby commend the William P. Clements Center for
15 Southwest Studies for its outstanding contributions to preserving
16 the rich story of the American Southwest and the borderlands and
17 extend to all those associated with the center best wishes for
18 continued success; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for the center as an expression of high regard by the Texas
21 House of Representatives.