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H.R. No. 2254

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The relationship between a modern commercial  
2 enterprise and the city in which it does business carries with it  
3 both great responsibility and great potential for positive effect;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, The mutually beneficial association between the  
6 H-E-B chain of grocery stores and Del Rio is a sterling example of  
7 what can be achieved by an involved corporate citizen and a  
8 responsive community; and

9           WHEREAS, The C. C. Butt Grocery Store opened for business in  
10 Kerrville on November 26, 1905; established by Florence Butt, the  
11 market was funded by a \$60 investment and a desire to provide  
12 staples and extraordinary products to the area residents; and

13           WHEREAS, Today, H-E-B operates nearly 300 grocery stores  
14 throughout Texas and Mexico, staffed by more than 56,000 employees;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, Throughout its proud century-long history, H-E-B  
17 has been known for its commitment to the greater good, and the  
18 company contributes to such worthy causes as hunger relief and  
19 prevention, education, health and wellness, the environment, and  
20 the arts; it has donated five percent of its pre-tax earnings to  
21 charitable endeavors since the 1930s, and remains one of the few  
22 companies in the nation to give at such a level; and

23           WHEREAS, Each year, H-E-B provides more than \$30 million in  
24 products and transportation to support Texas food banks and helps

1 to feed more than 210,000 people during the annual holiday Feast of  
2 Sharing dinners, which are held in 23 communities across Texas and  
3 Mexico; and

4 WHEREAS, The company also recognizes outstanding public  
5 school teachers, principals, and their schools through the  
6 Excellence in Education Awards, providing more than \$400,000 in  
7 grants and prizes; and

8 WHEREAS, Since its founding, H-E-B has been a generous donor  
9 to the communities it serves, and its host of worthy programs have  
10 contributed significantly to the well-being of many Del Rio  
11 residents; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby honor H-E-B in Del Rio for its outstanding  
14 corporate citizenship and extend to all its employees and  
15 management sincere wishes for the future; and, be it further

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