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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The firm of Harrison, Walker & Harper of Paris has  
2 enhanced the architectural and historical legacy of the Lone Star  
3 State through its many award-winning construction and restoration  
4 projects; and

5           WHEREAS, Founded in 1887, this notable company has grown into  
6 a highly respected general construction firm that has completed a  
7 long list of high profile projects in Texas and nearby states as  
8 well as in more distant locales such as Kentucky, California, and  
9 the country of El Salvador; and

10           WHEREAS, A specialist in restoring vintage structures,  
11 Harrison, Walker & Harper has garnered a number of prestigious  
12 commendations for its work in this field; for remodeling a former  
13 printing plant into the City of Paris Police and Courts Building,  
14 the firm received a Best of 2006 honor from *Texas Construction*  
15 magazine; and

16           WHEREAS, The company also won awards for its renovation of  
17 the courthouses in Hopkins, Red River, and Lamar Counties; these  
18 jobs were part of Harrison, Walker & Harper's active involvement in  
19 the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, which is  
20 directed by the Texas Historical Commission, and the firm is  
21 currently at work on the Bosque County Courthouse in Meridian; and

22           WHEREAS, Tackling conventional construction projects with  
23 equal diligence, Harrison, Walker & Harper has won additional  
24 accolades, including two prominent national honors; for its

1 expansion of a Southwest Airlines facility in Dallas, the company  
2 received the National Merit Award from the Associated Builders and  
3 Contractors, and a project at a Campbell Soup facility in Paris  
4 garnered the illustrious Build America Award from the Associated  
5 General Contractors of America; and

6 WHEREAS, Harrison, Walker & Harper is a Texas-based company  
7 that has been directed by a series of accomplished leaders,  
8 including founder J. W. Harrison, his son, Barney Harrison, J. W.  
9 Harrison II, and C. L. Walker; now under the able leadership of Chip  
10 Harper, the business continues to carry out its work with admirable  
11 professionalism, and the beautiful and functional structures it has  
12 created are greatly appreciated by the citizens of Texas; now,  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
15 hereby honor Harrison, Walker & Harper for creating and preserving  
16 impressive architectural landmarks throughout the Lone Star State  
17 and extend best wishes to the company for continued success; and, be  
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Harrison, Walker & Harper as an expression of high  
21 regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.