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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Loupot's Bookstore of College Station has served the
2 students of Texas A&M University and Blinn College for 75 years; and

3 WHEREAS, This beloved institution had its beginnings in the
4 dorm room of Judson E. Loupot, a sophomore at what was then Texas
5 Agricultural & Mechanical College; needing to support himself and
6 assist his family after the death of his father, he and his
7 roommate, Olin E. "Tiger" Teague, conceived of a business selling
8 and trading clothes to their fellow students; threatened with
9 expulsion when their operation was discovered by campus
10 authorities, they built a storefront in the Northgate area and were
11 soon selling hamburgers, chili, and used books, in addition to
12 clothes; after graduating in 1932, "Old Army Lou," as he became
13 known, turned his full attention to the thriving business; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the years, Mr. Loupot built a reputation as a
15 trustworthy friend to the community with his generous habit of
16 helping students in need of cash, food, and other assistance, all
17 predicated on his wholehearted belief in an Aggie's word or
18 handshake; he eventually opened two additional stores, and while
19 they all sold clothing and a variety of Aggie paraphernalia, they
20 were best known for supplying new and used textbooks; today, all
21 three Loupot's stores carry on the tradition of "Aggies helping
22 Aggies," which defined the business for more than 60 years under the
23 leadership of Old Army Lou, who passed away in 1995, by contributing
24 to student and community organizations and supporting several

1 scholarships; and

2 WHEREAS, Owned and operated in part by his daughter, Ann
3 Loupot Daughety, Loupot's Bookstores are an integral part of the
4 college experience for countless Texas A&M and Blinn College
5 students; although Judson Loupot is no longer at their helm, his
6 legacy of friendly and reliable service continues to distinguish
7 them as outstanding places of business; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Loupot's Bookstore on its 75th
10 anniversary and extend to Ann Loupot Daughety and all those
11 affiliated with the bookstore sincere best wishes for continued
12 success; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Loupot's Bookstore as an expression of high regard by
15 the Texas House of Representatives.