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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Texas Jewish Historical Society are  
2 meeting in Odessa from April 20-22 for their 2007 Annual Gathering,  
3 and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to  
4 this notable organization; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1980 by Rabbi Jimmy Kessler of Galveston,  
6 the Texas Jewish Historical Society holds as its mission the  
7 collection, preservation, publication, and dissemination of  
8 materials relevant to the settlement and history of Jews in Texas  
9 and their participation in the state's social, economic, religious,  
10 political, professional, and cultural growth; and

11 WHEREAS, The TJHS provides a forum for scholars and students  
12 of Texas Jewish history, sponsoring and promoting research, tours,  
13 books, and films and making its archive of source materials  
14 available to the general public through the Barker Texas History  
15 Collection at The University of Texas American History Center in  
16 Austin; and

17 WHEREAS, The organization's board meets quarterly in cities  
18 across the state to study the Jewish history of that area and  
19 conduct business meetings; a newsletter is distributed to keep the  
20 organization's more than 750 members informed, and each year the  
21 Annual Gathering offers affiliates an opportunity to attend  
22 scholarly presentations, learn research skills, and hear stories  
23 about growing up Jewish in Texas; and

24 WHEREAS, In the 27 years since the group's inception, its

1 members have greatly increased awareness of the Texas Jewish  
2 experience, and they may take pride in their efforts to preserve and  
3 celebrate their many contributions; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby honor the Texas Jewish Historical Society on the  
6 occasion of the group's 2007 Annual Gathering and extend to its  
7 members sincere best wishes for a successful and meaningful event;  
8 and, be it further

9       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the  
11 Texas House of Representatives.