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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Barbecue is central to the culture and heritage of
2 Texas, which is home to some of the best barbecue in the world, and
3 Central Texas in particular is blessed with a number of fine
4 establishments, including Southside Market and Barbecue of Elgin,
5 which is celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, Southside Market was founded in 1882 when William J.
7 Moon began to sell beef and pork house-to-house from the back of a
8 wagon; in 1886 he opened a permanent business in downtown Elgin,
9 where he sold, along with slow-roasted brisket, chicken, and
10 turkey, the famous Elgin hot sausage; and

11 WHEREAS, Ernest and Rene Bracewell purchased Southside
12 Market in 1968, and since then, three generations of the Bracewell
13 family have managed the restaurant; it was moved to its current
14 location on Highway 290 in 1992; a favorite destination for
15 residents and visitors alike, the market makes and sells 1.5
16 million pounds of Elgin hot sausage every year and, through its
17 mail-order business, ships barbecue all over the country; and

18 WHEREAS, Southside Market also plays an active role in the
19 community, supporting local organizations and funding scholarships
20 for high school students; the market's 125th anniversary
21 celebration on June 2, 2007, features the fifth annual Southside
22 Market Sausage Stampede, which will benefit the Greater Elgin
23 Chamber of Commerce and the Cattlemen for Cancer Research Patient
24 Assistance Fund; and

1 WHEREAS, One of the oldest businesses in Elgin, Southside
2 Market has long played a vital role in contributing to this Central
3 Texas town's official designation as the "Sausage Capital of
4 Texas"; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Southside Market and Barbecue on
7 its 125th anniversary and extend to all those affiliated with the
8 restaurant sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
9 further

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