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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Locally owned businesses are the heart of the  
2 economy and culture of the small towns of Texas, and the historic  
3 Stagecoach Inn in Salado has contributed greatly to the picturesque  
4 appeal of that community for nearly 150 years; and

5           WHEREAS, Originally known as the Shady Villa, the inn was  
6 founded in 1861 by early settler W. B. Armstrong on the site of a  
7 Tonkawa village; it stood at the junction of the Chisholm Trail and  
8 the Old Military Road and functioned as a stagecoach stop for weary  
9 travelers; legend has it that the inn was host to such notables as  
10 Sam Houston, General George Custer, Charles Goodnight, and the  
11 outlaw Sam Bass; and

12           WHEREAS, The inn was bought and restored in the 1940s by Ruth  
13 and Dion Van Bibber, and Mrs. Van Bibber's recipes are still the  
14 basis of the Stagecoach Inn's menu; the facility was expanded in the  
15 1960s by Mrs. Van Bibber's nephew, William E. Bratton, to include  
16 conference facilities, swimming pools, and tennis courts, among  
17 other amenities; and

18           WHEREAS, Now owned and managed by the Foster family of  
19 Salado, the Stagecoach Inn carries on its long tradition of Lone  
20 Star graciousness, comfort, and fine cuisine, helping to make  
21 Salado a prime tourist destination in Central Texas; now,  
22 therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby honor the Stagecoach Inn for its rich heritage

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1 of hospitality and extend to the Foster family and the inn's staff  
2 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

3           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for the Stagecoach Inn as an expression of high regard by  
5 the Texas House of Representatives.