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H.C.R. No. 226

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Lucchese Boot Company, whose fame as a maker of
2 exquisite, high-quality boots has spread far and wide, celebrated
3 its 125th anniversary in 2008; and

4 WHEREAS, Established as the Lucchese Boot and Shoe Factory in
5 San Antonio in 1883, this venerable Texas firm was founded by Sam
6 Lucchese and his brothers, who immigrated to Texas from Italy three
7 years earlier; under Sam Lucchese's direction, the company acquired
8 an enduring reputation for quality craftsmanship; and

9 WHEREAS, During its first several decades, the Lucchese Boot
10 Company focused largely on supplying the needs of ranchers and
11 cavalrymen; the business began to develop a national reputation
12 after Sam Lucchese's son Cosimo assumed leadership of the company
13 and began providing boots for celebrities as well; Sam Lucchese,
14 Jr., grandson of the founder, subsequently put his own stamp on the
15 family business by designing a boot that further added to the
16 company's renown; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, the Lucchese boot factory is located in El
18 Paso, where it produces a wide variety of styles for all occasions;
19 the company's skilled artisans have created boots for a
20 distinguished roster of clients, ranging from Gary Cooper, John
21 Wayne, and Gregory Peck to President Lyndon B. Johnson and Lady Bird
22 Johnson, and many other notable Texans; and

23 WHEREAS, The members of the 81st Texas Legislature wish to
24 express their appreciation to Paul LaVoie, President and CEO of the

1 Lucchese Boot Company, Doug Kindy, General Manager, and Fred King,
2 Director of Marketing, for their extraordinary service to the State
3 of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, A classic Texas success story, the Lucchese Boot
5 Company exemplifies a pride of craftsmanship that has won it
6 recognition across the country and secured it a proud place in the
7 western heritage of the Lone Star State; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
9 hereby congratulate Lucchese and commemorate the 125th anniversary
10 of the Lucchese Boot Company and extend to all those associated with
11 this outstanding enterprise sincere best wishes for continued
12 success; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the company as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.