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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2008 marked the 25th anniversary of the
2 Museum of Western Art in Kerrville; and

3 WHEREAS, Originally known as the Cowboy Artists of America
4 Museum, the institution opened in April 1983 and is dedicated to the
5 appreciation, presentation, and promotion of the art and artists of
6 the American West; and

7 WHEREAS, Designed by the noted Southwestern architect O'Neil
8 Ford, the museum is housed in a distinctive timber and limestone
9 building; inside, the 14,000-square-foot gallery space
10 incorporates boveda domes of Mexican brick, mesquite wood, and
11 Saltillo tile floors; and

12 WHEREAS, The museum exhibits work by today's best-regarded
13 Western artists, as well as by celebrated past masters; depictions
14 of life in the American West, including cowboys, Native Americans,
15 ranchers, frontier men and women, and others, help visitors gain an
16 understanding of the region's rich history; and

17 WHEREAS, With the opening of the Masel S. Quinn Pavilion of
18 the Western Art Academy in 2004 and the Journey West Children's
19 Gallery in 2005, the museum expanded its art education program,
20 which has trained hundreds of promising artists in applied
21 techniques of Western art; in addition, the museum offers an
22 extensive 5,000-volume library of Western art and history that has
23 proven to be a valuable resource for students and scholars alike;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, The Museum of Western Art has established itself as
2 a cultural treasure of the Texas Hill Country and, through its many
3 endeavors, has helped ensure the legacy of the American West for
4 many years to come; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Museum
7 of Western Art in Kerrville and extend sincere best wishes to the
8 museum's staff and supporters for continued success; and, be it
9 further

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