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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Businesses that help maintain the historical
2 surroundings of the cities in which they are located provide a
3 valuable service to their communities, preserving rich experiences
4 from the past while also helping to create a vibrant and prosperous
5 commercial environment; and

6 WHEREAS, Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill has established itself
7 as a beloved part of the dining and nightlife scene in downtown
8 Austin and stands as a living link to some of the city's earliest
9 history; and

10 WHEREAS, The area where the business is located was once
11 known as the Waterloo Compound, a district that contained some of
12 the oldest commercial buildings in the city; in the early 1850s, a
13 German settler named Henry F. Hofheintz constructed a storehouse
14 and corncrib in the northwest part of the compound to be used by his
15 freight company; it later became known as the Sunday House because
16 rural families would stay there during weekend visits to the town;
17 today, that building, complete with its limestone walls and cedar
18 posts, is Moonshine's private events facility; and

19 WHEREAS, During the mid-1800s, Mr. Hofheintz and other
20 members of his family added additional buildings nearby that have
21 become part of the Moonshine complex; the two-story building he
22 used as his residence and dry-goods store houses the restaurant's
23 main dining room, while a building constructed in the late 1870s is
24 today Moonshine's Carriage House Bar; and

1 WHEREAS, After continuing to serve as a retail dry-goods
2 emporium through the 1950s, these venerable buildings were occupied
3 by several different businesses before being transformed into the
4 Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill in 2003; the complex has been placed on
5 the National Register of Historic Places, and the lovingly restored
6 stone and wood structures now create a handsome and atmospheric
7 home for this popular downtown gathering spot; and

8 WHEREAS, A visit to the Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill allows
9 patrons to reflect on the heritage and achievements of previous
10 generations of Texans, and this admirable business is deserving of
11 recognition for its efforts to preserve the city's cultural and
12 architectural heritage; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to Moonshine Patio Bar & Grill for
15 its role in preserving the historical character of Austin and
16 extend best wishes to the business's owners for continued success;
17 and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for the restaurant as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives.