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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The small businesses of Texas often enrich the
2 culture of their communities, and for more than 60 years, the Trophy
3 Barber Shop and Styling Salon has been a popular local landmark in
4 Baytown; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1948 by Jimmie Carpenter, the business
6 was originally known as Jimmie's Barber Shop and featured two
7 chairs and haircuts for a dollar; Mr. Carpenter was also an avid
8 hunter, and when his wife forbade him to keep accumulating trophies
9 at home, he started to display them in his barbershop; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1962, Mr. Carpenter renamed the shop Trophy
11 Barber Shop and Styling Salon and moved it to a larger space two
12 doors down from its original location; today, under its current
13 owner, Randall Ashby, the shop boasts eight chairs, five barbers,
14 good prices, and a remarkable collection of trophies; and

15 WHEREAS, Collected during Mr. Carpenter's hunting trips
16 during the 1950s and 1960s, the shop's trophies include a six-foot
17 alligator, a baboon, and the mounted heads of deer, elk, and a Cape
18 buffalo; a 12-foot polar bear stands on its hind legs just inside
19 the door, and the ceiling is lined with 750 sets of antlers; and

20 WHEREAS, This picturesque barbershop has become a
21 longstanding tradition in Baytown, with many of its barbers working
22 there for years, cutting the hair of fifth-generation descendents
23 of the shop's original customers; the shop's fame has spread beyond
24 Baytown, and it has been featured in magazine and newspaper

1 articles and was the subject of an award-winning honors thesis by
2 Lee College student Elizabeth Courtlandt Stockett; and

3 WHEREAS, The unique charm of this small business has
4 delighted residents and visitors to Baytown for more than six
5 decades, and Mr. Ashby and his staff may take great pride in their
6 careful and affectionate stewardship of this beloved Lone Star
7 institution; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor the Trophy Barber Shop and Styling Salon
10 for its colorful contribution to the heritage of Texas and extend to
11 its owner and staff best wishes for continued success; and, be it
12 further

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