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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The *Jewish Herald-Voice* has served readers in  
2 Houston and the Gulf Coast region for more than a century; and

3           WHEREAS, This illustrious paper traces its roots to 1907,  
4 when Edgar Goldberg began his career as a publisher with a circular  
5 he called the *Houston Jewish Bulletin*; the following year, Mr.  
6 Goldberg published the first edition of the *Jewish Herald*, which he  
7 later renamed the *Texas Jewish Herald*; after his death in 1937, his  
8 wife, Esther, continued to run the weekly newspaper for several  
9 years before selling it to David White, who had recently started his  
10 own newspaper, *Jewish Voice in Houston*; he combined the papers as  
11 the *Jewish Herald-Voice* and expanded coverage, instituting columns  
12 and special holiday editions; and

13           WHEREAS, Joseph and Jeanne Samuels became the third  
14 publishers in the newspaper's proud history in 1973, and since  
15 assuming ownership, they have greatly increased its readership; the  
16 *Jewish Herald-Voice* covers international, national, and local  
17 news, as well as events in the lives of its readers; the paper's  
18 stories reflect the diversity of the Jewish community in Houston  
19 and on the Gulf Coast, and its pages serve as both a forum for  
20 discussion and a means of connecting people from different  
21 denominations; subscribers to the *Herald-Voice* receive five  
22 magazines each year in addition to the paper--annual issues devoted  
23 to Passover and Rosh Hashanah, guides for planning weddings and  
24 bar/bat mitzvahs, and a lifestyle magazine titled *VOICES in*

1 *Houston*; and

2           WHEREAS, Over the years, the *Herald-Voice* management and  
3 staff have won numerous journalism awards from such organizations  
4 as the Texas Press Association, the Gulf Coast Press Association,  
5 and the American Press Association, as well as honors from local  
6 Jewish agencies and organizations in recognition of their myriad  
7 endeavors in behalf of the community; the *Herald-Voice* continues to  
8 be a true family enterprise, with several family members helping  
9 Joe and Jeanne Samuels to produce the paper; among their number is  
10 daughter Vicki Samuels, who serves as president and advertising  
11 manager; and

12           WHEREAS, One of the oldest Jewish newspapers in the country,  
13 the *Jewish Herald-Voice* constitutes an important source of  
14 information for business owners, government officials, and clergy  
15 of other faiths, as well as members of the Jewish community, and it  
16 is indeed a pleasure to recognize this enduring beacon on the  
17 Houston media landscape; now, therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
19 Legislature hereby recognize the *Jewish Herald-Voice* for its  
20 contributions to the community and extend to its publishers and  
21 staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

22           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for the *Jewish Herald-Voice* as an expression of high  
24 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.