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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Rabbi Shimon Lazaroff of Houston has faithfully  
2 served the spiritual needs of his community and enriched the lives  
3 of countless residents since establishing Chabad Lubavitch of Texas  
4 in 1972; and

5           WHEREAS, Headquartered in New York, Chabad Lubavitch is the  
6 largest Jewish organization in the world, with more than 3,000  
7 branches that promote spiritual awareness, knowledge, and practice  
8 through outreach, education, and social services; Rabbi Lazaroff  
9 has facilitated the growth of Chabad branches and activities  
10 throughout Texas, and he established Chabad Houses in College  
11 Station, Dallas-Fort Worth, El Paso, Plano, San Antonio, Sugar  
12 Land, South Padre Island, and Austin, as well as Houston; among  
13 other services, these centers provide day schools and camps,  
14 educational resources, and prison chaplaincy; and

15           WHEREAS, Rabbi Lazaroff serves as the state's regional  
16 director for Texas Friends of Chabad Lubavitch and as the executive  
17 director of the Chabad Lubavitch Center in Houston, which includes  
18 a synagogue, the Torah Day School of Houston, Chabad Hebrew School,  
19 camp, and other educational and cultural programs; in addition, he  
20 is a member of the board and executive committee of the  
21 international Chabad organization in Brooklyn; and

22           WHEREAS, Born in the former Soviet Union, Rabbi Lazaroff was  
23 educated in Paris, France, before earning a scholarship to study at  
24 the Chabad Talmudical Academy in Israel; in 1958, he moved to New

1 York City and attended the Central Lubavitcher Yeshiva Tomchei  
2 Temimim; he received ordination from the Central Lubavitcher  
3 Yeshiva and following two years of postgraduate work, this  
4 exceptional scholar was ordained a rabbinical judge; he served in  
5 important leadership roles in the Lubavitch Youth Organization  
6 before arriving in Texas in 1972; and

7       WHEREAS, Rabbi Lazaroff, a devoted family man, is supported  
8 in all his endeavors by his wife, Rebbetzin Chiena Lazaroff, and  
9 their 11 children; this esteemed spiritual leader's faith,  
10 scholarship, and many good works have been a source of profound  
11 inspiration to innumerable Texans for more than three decades, and  
12 his accomplishments have made a lasting and positive difference in  
13 communities across the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

14       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
15 Legislature hereby honor Rabbi Shimon Lazaroff and extend to him  
16 sincere best wishes for continued success in his noteworthy  
17 endeavors; and, be it further

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