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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas is fortunate to have passionate and engaged
2 residents like Edward H. Harte of Corpus Christi, whose committed
3 environmental advocacy has made the state a better place in which to
4 live and raise a family; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Missouri in 1922, Ed Harte grew up in San
6 Angelo and earned a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College; he
7 served in the weather wing of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World
8 War II before beginning a career as a newspaper reporter; in 1952,
9 he returned to San Angelo as president of the *Standard-Times*, and he
10 went on to join the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*; he accepted
11 further responsibility through the years, ultimately serving as
12 publisher of the paper from 1962 until his retirement in 1987; and

13 WHEREAS, Along the way, Mr. Harte developed a keen interest
14 in environmental issues and became active in such organizations as
15 the Audubon Society, which he served as chair, and the American
16 Farmland Trust, which he helped transform into a national
17 organization; he was a key proponent of the establishment of both
18 Mustang Island State Park and Padre Island National Seashore, and
19 he worked with other concerned citizens to develop the first
20 municipal regulations that set limits on oil and gas drilling in
21 Corpus Christi Bay; moreover, he helped build the first statewide
22 conservation group as a founding member of the Conservation
23 Federation of Texas; and

24 WHEREAS, Perhaps the greatest example of Mr. Harte's vision

1 and generosity is his \$46 million endowment to create the Harte
2 Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M
3 University-Corpus Christi; dedicated to supporting and advancing
4 the long-term sustainable use and conservation of the Gulf of
5 Mexico, the institute has become a premier center for
6 interdisciplinary research and public policy; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Harte enjoyed the love and support of his wife,
8 Janet, for more than a half a century before her death in 1999;
9 together they shared a love of birding and wildlife, which they
10 encouraged in their four children on trips throughout the world;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Though it is impossible to gauge the full effect of
13 an individual's life, some people leave their unmistakable mark on
14 the world as they move through it, and Ed Harte is indeed one such
15 person; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
17 Legislature hereby honor Edward H. Harte on his outstanding
18 contributions to the Lone Star State and extend to him sincere best
19 wishes for the future; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Mr. Harte as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 House of Representatives.