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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In November 1963, many Texans were anticipating a
2 two-day visit to their state by President John F. Kennedy; and

3 WHEREAS, The president's itinerary included stops in Dallas,
4 San Antonio, Houston, Fort Worth, and the capital of the Lone Star
5 State, where he was to appear at the Municipal Auditorium on
6 November 22; the speech he planned to deliver in Austin that evening
7 included memories of his 1960 campaign tour of Texas with then vice
8 presidential candidate Lyndon B. Johnson and concluded with a call
9 for unity and renewed confidence in American ideals; and

10 WHEREAS, The assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas on
11 November 22, 1963, forever changed the United States of America and
12 its people; in the aftermath of that tragedy, the planned visit to
13 Austin became a somber footnote in the annals of Texas and the
14 United States; and

15 WHEREAS, The placement of a Texas Historical Marker near the
16 auditorium would serve to remind future generations of President
17 Kennedy's leadership and his special interest in the citizens of
18 the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
20 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby direct the Texas Historical
21 Commission to work with the City of Austin to develop a unique
22 design for an official Texas Historical Marker in honor of
23 President Kennedy, to be paid for entirely with funds raised
24 privately for this purpose, for placement on or near the site of the

1 Austin Municipal Auditorium; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That such marker include these words from President
3 Kennedy's intended remarks:

4 For our Country is moving and it must not stop. It
5 cannot stop. Let us stand together with renewed
6 confidence in our cause--united in our heritage of the
7 past and hopes for the future--and determined that
8 this land we love shall lead all mankind into new
9 frontiers of peace and abundance.

10 and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the chief clerk forward an official copy of
12 this resolution to the chair of the Texas Historical Commission.