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H.R. No. 34

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission celebrated
2 the 75th anniversary of its founding on November 18, 2010; and

3 WHEREAS, The Twenty-first Amendment to the U.S. Constitution
4 was ratified in December 1933, ending Prohibition and giving
5 individual states the right to regulate alcohol; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1935, Texas voters ratified an amendment to the
7 state constitution repealing state prohibition, granting local
8 governments across the state the authority to decide if their
9 communities were "wet" or "dry"; and

10 WHEREAS, That same year, a special called session of the 44th
11 Texas Legislature passed the Texas Liquor Control Act, creating the
12 Texas Liquor Control Board, which met for the first time on November
13 18, 1935, in the governor's reception room in the State Capitol; in
14 1970, the board was renamed the Texas Alcoholic Beverage
15 Commission; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, the TABC continues to oversee every aspect of
17 the alcoholic beverage industry in Texas, regulating more than
18 40,000 licensed businesses; the commission collects over \$200
19 million annually in taxes and fees, contributing greatly to the
20 funding of state government; and

21 WHEREAS, The TABC also encourages legal and responsible
22 alcohol consumption through education and prevention programs and
23 by forming innovative partnerships with communities and the
24 beverage industry; and

1 WHEREAS, For three-quarters of a century, the Texas Alcoholic
2 Beverage Commission has ably served the citizens of Texas and
3 fulfilled its mission to promote public safety by ensuring the
4 responsible manufacture, sale, and consumption of alcohol; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Texas
8 Alcoholic Beverage Commission and extend to the commission's
9 members and employees sincere best wishes for continued success in
10 their important work; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission as an
13 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.