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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Department of History at The University of Texas  
2 at Austin has created an interactive website that puts the  
3 expertise of its faculty at the service of the general citizenry and  
4 that provides a public forum for the discussion of historical and  
5 contemporary events; and

6           WHEREAS, Titled Not Even Past, the website derives its name  
7 from William Faulkner's famous line that "The past is never dead.  
8 It's not even past," an acknowledgment that historical events  
9 continue to resonate in the present day; and

10           WHEREAS, The Not Even Past website brings together a diverse  
11 group of historians with international reputations in every major  
12 historical field and time period and uses new technology to make  
13 their perspectives on topics in Texas, U.S., and world history  
14 available to a popular audience; and

15           WHEREAS, Led by Professor Joan Neuberger and Chairman Alan  
16 Tully, the history department established this project in 2010 and  
17 developed it with existing financial resources; thousands of  
18 visitors from around the world have already accessed the site,  
19 which offers book and film recommendations, movie clips, podcasts,  
20 links to historical documents and artifacts, a fact-checker series,  
21 and free virtual courses; and

22           WHEREAS, This engaging website constitutes a resource of  
23 remarkable range and further advances the university's goal of  
24 undertaking programs that benefit all citizens of the Lone Star

1 State; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
3 Legislature hereby commemorate the launching of the website Not  
4 Even Past by The University of Texas at Austin Department of History  
5 and extend to all those associated with this project sincere best  
6 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

7           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for the UT Department of History as an expression of high  
9 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.