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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 Golda Marie Foster, whose dedication to the
3 preservation of our state's history is an inspiration to all who
4 know her; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Foster has been a member of the Tom Green County
6 Historical Commission for 26 years and has been its chair since
7 1989; she has testified before a number of committees of the Texas
8 House of Representatives in support of preservation issues such as
9 cemetery protection and has been a frequent speaker at the Texas
10 Historical Commission's annual conferences; and

11 WHEREAS, Her love and appreciation of the past have been of
12 benefit to area residents who have been educated and entertained by
13 the award-winning programs she has spearheaded; with the help of
14 her commission colleagues, she has staged events that include the
15 175th anniversary of the Texas Revolution, the Battle of Dove Creek
16 reunion, a welcoming celebration for Desert Storm veterans, the
17 centennial of the city of San Angelo, the 60th anniversary of World
18 War II, and the 125th and 135th anniversaries of Tom Green County;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, In a typical year, Ms. Foster and the other members
21 of the county historical commission volunteer more than 5,000
22 hours, undertaking such labors of love as preserving local
23 cemeteries, coordinating tours of historical sites, giving
24 workshops, and planning celebrations; one of the organization's

1 recent projects was the creation of local history CDs for use in
2 area schools; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Foster's devotion to serving her community is
4 reflected in the long list of groups to which she belongs or in
5 which she holds office: the Texas Motor Transportation
6 Association, the Concho Valley Chapter of the United Daughters of
7 the Confederacy, the Fort Concho Chapter of the Daughters of the
8 Republic of Texas, the San Angelo Celebration Bridge Design
9 Committee, and Downtown San Angelo, Inc., which she served as
10 president; in addition, she was the first female member of the
11 Downtown Kiwanis Club of San Angelo, is a member of the board of
12 directors of Texas Forts Trail, and is part of the advisory board of
13 the Friends of Fairmount Cemetery; and

14 WHEREAS, Long respected for the quality of her work,
15 Ms. Foster has been honored with several commendations from the
16 Texas Historical Commission: the Distinguished Service Award, the
17 Texan Award for Individual Achievement and Commitment to Historical
18 Preservation, and the John Ben Shepperd County Historical
19 Commission Leadership Award; moreover, she is the recipient of the
20 Concho Valley Vietnam Veterans Service Award for her efforts to
21 record the history of veterans and the NAACP Community Spirit
22 Award; and

23 WHEREAS, Through her vision and dedication, Golda Foster has
24 helped preserve the history and culture of Tom Green County,
25 fostering pride among area residents and allowing them to better
26 understand their Texas heritage; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commend Golda Marie Foster for her achievements
2 in the area of historical preservation and extend to her sincere
3 best wishes for continued success in her important work; and, be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Ms. Foster as an expression of high regard by the Texas
7 House of Representatives.