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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Joe Herring, Jr., of Kerrville, a writer, historian,
2 businessman, and civic leader, has dedicated himself to researching
3 and preserving the stories of his community and the Texas Hill
4 Country, and he has made a splendid contribution to local history
5 with the publication of his recent book *Home: Photographs of*
6 *Kerrville*; and

7 WHEREAS, A Kerrville native, Mr. Herring has long collected
8 historic Kerr County photographs and memorabilia, and since 1994 he
9 has written about his hometown's colorful past in "Around Town," a
10 weekly column published by the *Kerrville Daily Times*; he also
11 maintains a blog called *Hill Country History*, which supplements his
12 column with additional stories and pictures; in December 2010, Mr.
13 Herring published *Home: Photographs of Kerrville*, a coffee-table
14 book that includes more than 200 rare photographs from his
15 collection and that features Kerrville people and places from the
16 1890s to the 1970s; and

17 WHEREAS, Held in high regard by his fellow citizens, Joe
18 Herring is a successful businessman and a model of civic
19 engagement; he serves as general manager of Herring Printing
20 Company, which his family has operated in Kerrville since 1965, and
21 over the years he has sat on numerous boards and commissions; as
22 mayor of Kerrville from 1992 to 1994, he was instrumental in
23 securing that town's designation as a Texas Main Street City, as
24 well as in fostering the redevelopment of the downtown district and

1 implementing a curbside recycling program; Mr. Herring chaired the
2 Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce from 2009 to 2010, and in 2010 he
3 was honored as the Bill Dozier Citizen of the Year by the *Kerrville*
4 *Daily Times*; his devotion to his community and his myriad efforts in
5 its behalf have truly earned him the title "Mr. Kerrville"; and

6 WHEREAS, Joe Herring has worked tirelessly to document the
7 rich history and culture of Kerrville and Kerr County, and through
8 his determined endeavors, he has done much to preserve this
9 priceless heritage for future generations; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
11 Legislature hereby honor Joe Herring, Jr., for his contributions to
12 Kerrville and Kerr County and congratulate him on the publication
13 of his book *Home: Photographs of Kerrville*; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. Herring as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.