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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Bear Creek Smokehouse in Marshall has been named the
- 2 2013 Family-Owned Business of the Year by the Dallas/Fort Worth
- 3 District of the U.S. Small Business Administration; and
- WHEREAS, Founded in 1943 by Hick and Nellie Shoults, this
- 5 popular establishment has grown from a small backyard smokehouse to
- 6 a large-scale facility that prepares a variety of meats for sale at
- 7 the company's salesroom in Marshall and through its catalog and
- 8 website; products include hickory-smoked brisket, turkey, chicken,
- 9 mango ginger habanero ham, peppered pork tenderloin, sausage,
- 10 bacon, soup mixes, desserts, and the company's own brand of
- 11 barbecue sauce; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Today, Bear Creek Smokehouse thrives under the
- 13 direction of president Robbie Shoults, the grandson of the original
- 14 founders, and several other generations of the family continue to
- 15 participate in the business; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Texas is fortunate to be home to many independent
- 17 businesses that have benefited from the stewardship of one family
- 18 through the years, and Bear Creek Smokehouse proudly upholds that
- 19 vital tradition while contributing to the economic well-being of
- 20 the community; now, therefore, be it
- 21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
- 22 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Bear Creek
- 23 Smokehouse on being named the 2013 Family-Owned Business of the
- 24 Year by the Dallas/Fort Worth District of the U.S. Small Business

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- 1 Administration and extend to the Shoults family sincere best wishes
- 2 for continued success; and, be it further
- 3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 4 prepared for Bear Creek Smokehouse as an expression of high regard
- 5 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 105 was adopted by the House on June 25, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House