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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dawn Trammell, owner of the Luscious Crumb bakery in
2 Mineola, won the eighth season of *Cupcake Wars* on the Food Network;
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4 WHEREAS, The reality-based competition show features four
5 bakers from across the nation who are eliminated one by one in three
6 rounds; the final contest between the two remaining bakers involves
7 creating 1,000 cupcakes in two hours, and the winner receives
8 \$10,000 and the opportunity to cater a Hollywood party; competing
9 against bakers from Iowa and California, Ms. Trammell and her
10 daughter, Rachel Pantusa, were tasked with creating cupcakes for a
11 1980s-themed birthday party; among their winning efforts was an
12 orange soda cupcake with orange pineapple cream frosting; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Trammell developed her love of baking as a young
14 person working in the kitchen alongside her grandmother; after her
15 wedding cake failed to show up on the big day, she vowed never to let
16 that happen again and set to work teaching herself the art of cake
17 decorating; she experimented for years at home before quitting her
18 day job and opening a cupcake shop in Lindale in 2011; and

19 WHEREAS, Now located in Mineola, the Luscious Crumb offers
20 gourmet cupcakes in nearly 100 distinctive flavors, including
21 caramel macchiato, Boston cream pie, and "death by chocolate," in
22 addition to "Texas-sized" brownies and cookies; Ms. Trammell runs
23 the business with Ms. Pantusa and her other daughter, Heather
24 Trammell, who minded the store while her mother and sister competed

1 in Los Angeles; and

2 WHEREAS, Dedicated to the time-honored craft of baking, Dawn
3 Trammell distinguished herself on national television with her
4 skill, creativity, and ability to think fast, and she and her unique
5 store are a great source of pride to the Mineola community; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
8 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Dawn Trammell
9 of the Luscious Crumb on winning the eighth season of *Cupcake Wars*
10 and extend to Ms. Trammell and her daughters sincere best wishes for
11 continued success; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Ms. Trammell as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.