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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Holland Jewelry of San Angelo is receiving a Texas  
2 Treasure Business Award from the Texas Historical Commission on  
3 January 23, 2013; and

4           WHEREAS, The Texas Treasure Business Award recognizes  
5 businesses that have provided employment opportunities and  
6 supported the state's economy for at least 50 years; and

7           WHEREAS, Holland's was founded by Chase Holland in 1918 and  
8 has been in continuous operation ever since; near the end of the  
9 Great Depression, Mr. Holland introduced handmade Western jewelry  
10 and belt buckles, including a silver spur tie clip designed to pay  
11 tribute to those who had "won their spurs"; one such clip was  
12 presented to President Franklin Roosevelt by a local newspaper  
13 publisher; and

14           WHEREAS, After World War II, Mr. Holland's son, Chase  
15 Holland, Jr., joined him in operating the business; their  
16 partnership lasted nearly a quarter-century, before Chase Holland,  
17 Sr., passed away in 1960; Chase Holland, Jr., worked alongside his  
18 wife, Virginia, until his untimely death in 1968, after which she  
19 led the company with the assistance of George McCormack, who had  
20 served the operation as store manager; and

21           WHEREAS, The historic business is now run by Bill Holland and  
22 Chase Holland III, sons of the late Chase and Virginia Holland, and  
23 Brant Horner; along with offering an array of fine jewelry,  
24 Holland's continues to produce a selection of Western pieces

1 reflecting the frontier roots of its home in San Angelo; and

2 WHEREAS, Family owned and operated for nearly a century,  
3 Holland Jewelry has earned a prominent place among the state's  
4 historic businesses, staying true to its original vision while  
5 evolving with the times, and it is indeed deserving of this  
6 prestigious accolade; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
8 Legislature hereby honor Holland Jewelry on its receipt of a Texas  
9 Treasure Business Award and congratulate the Holland family and all  
10 those associated with the company for their contributions to its  
11 continued success; and, be it further

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