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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Trout Unlimited is a nonprofit organization that 2 works to conserve, protect, and restore North America's trout and 3 salmon fisheries and their watersheds for the benefit of future 4 generations; and

5 WHEREAS, Guadalupe River Trout Unlimited is the world's 6 largest chapter of Trout Unlimited; created in 1964 and boasting 7 5,000 members in Texas, it is one of the oldest continuously active 8 conservation groups in the state; and

9 WHEREAS, The organization cooperates with the Parks and 10 Wildlife Department by annually stocking rainbow trout in the 11 Guadalupe River; it also contracts with the Guadalupe-Blanco River 12 Authority to maintain a minimum in-stream flow from unallocated 13 water in Canyon Lake, which benefits the trout fishery and improves 14 opportunities for water sport; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to its important preservation efforts, 16 Guadalupe River Trout Unlimited contributes significantly to the 17 economy, as its programs encourage the recreational use of the 18 river; moreover, representatives of the group educate the public by 19 teaching fly-fishing skills and introducing the sport to children 20 in the classroom, promoting "catch and release" as a fundamental 21 tenet of conservation; and

22 WHEREAS, The exceptional work of Guadalupe River Trout 23 Unlimited has fostered the protection and restoration of the Lone 24 Star State's cold water fisheries, helping to ensure that these

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H.R. No. 302 1 watersheds will remain a valuable resource in years to come; now, 2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas 4 Legislature hereby recognize February 6, 2013, as Guadalupe River 5 Trout Unlimited Day and commend the organization for its notable 6 achievements; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 8 prepared for Guadalupe River Trout Unlimited as an expression of 9 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 302 was adopted by the House on February 6, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House