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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is widely
2 acknowledged as the preeminent legislative body in Anglo-American
3 parliamentary law; and

4 WHEREAS, The rich history of the Texas House of
5 Representatives, from 1846 to the present time, not only is
6 composed of the written words in our journals, bills, and
7 resolutions, but also is contained in the memories of each member of
8 the Texas House; and

9 WHEREAS, On this Speaker's Reunion Day, we are reminded that
10 the passage of time has silenced the voices of several house members
11 who have contributed to the rich and unique heritage and history of
12 the Texas House of Representatives; and

13 WHEREAS, For an institution as important in the development
14 of the progress of both this state and this nation, it is fitting
15 that all portions of our history, both oral and written, should be
16 preserved; and

17 WHEREAS, A group of institutions of higher education and oral
18 historians have convened together to immortalize the memories of
19 those who served in this body, for both historical and research
20 purposes; with the cooperation of the Legislative Reference
21 Library, the following institutions have joined in an effort to
22 create the Texas House Oral History Advisory Council: Humanities
23 Texas, the University of Houston, The University of Texas at El
24 Paso, the University of North Texas, The University of Texas at San

1 Antonio, Texas Tech University, Texas State University, The
2 University of Texas at Austin, the Lyndon B. Johnson School of
3 Public Affairs, the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, and
4 the Portal to Texas History; and

5 WHEREAS, The following oral historians have gathered at the
6 Capitol during this reunion to capture the first oral histories,
7 and in so doing are pioneering this mission: Gregg Michel of The
8 University of Texas at San Antonio, Kristine Navarro-McElhaney of
9 The University of Texas at El Paso, Sam Spahn of the LBJ School of
10 Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin, Erica
11 Whittington of Humanities Texas, and Nancy Beck Young of the
12 University of Houston; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
14 Legislature hereby express its deep appreciation to each of the
15 institutions in their efforts to preserve and protect the memories
16 that will serve as an invaluable source for future generations and
17 extend to them all sincere best wishes for success; and, be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
20 Legislature hereby commend all the participants who are devoting
21 their time to this extremely worthwhile undertaking that will
22 enrich the annals of Texas history.