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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The McAllen Public Library won the 2012 Library
2 Interior Design competition, sponsored by the International
3 Interior Design Association; and

4 WHEREAS, The McAllen Public Library became one of the largest
5 single-story libraries in the country when it opened its doors in
6 December of 2011; formerly housing a Walmart, this vibrant
7 123,000-square-foot space now boasts skylights, cozy reading
8 nooks, a teen area, a cafe, electronic classrooms, and a large
9 auditorium; and

10 WHEREAS, For more than 60 years, McAllen's main library was
11 located downtown, until city commissioners proposed its relocation
12 to the empty store; Boultinghouse Simpson Gates, a McAllen-based
13 architecture firm, was hired to lead the project, and the
14 organization recruited Minneapolis-based Meyer, Scherer &
15 Rockcastle to help conceptualize the library's interior; and

16 WHEREAS, The designers incorporated nature into details
17 throughout the library, including tabletops made from local
18 mesquite and carpets mimicking the aerial-view of the region, with
19 varying hues to reflect its fields and citrus groves; and

20 WHEREAS, The distinguished judges of the 2012 IIDA
21 competition honored Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle for their design,
22 which demonstrated distinction in aesthetics, creativity,
23 function, and satisfaction of the city's objectives; and

24 WHEREAS, Since the new library's readers first began perusing

1 its shelves, the building has received national attention, and the
2 community has enthusiastically embraced the renovated facility,
3 with more than twice as many patrons taking advantage of its
4 services than in the previous location; and

5 WHEREAS, The McAllen Public Library is an inspiring
6 affirmation of the city's commitment to learning and to the
7 community, and it is indeed a pleasure to celebrate the new library
8 building and the much-deserved accolades its designers have
9 received; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate the McAllen Public Library on
12 winning the International Interior Design Association's 2012
13 Library Interior Design Award and extend to all those associated
14 with this institution sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for the McAllen Public Library as an expression of high
18 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.