

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Aunt Aggie De's Pralines of Sinton has been selected  
2 as the 2013 Official Best Gourmet Pralines and Pecan Candy in Texas  
3 by the *Official Best Of* television show and website; and

4           WHEREAS, *Official Best Of* highlights places to visit in  
5 locations across the nation, based on the results of public  
6 nominations; after each nominee is thoroughly researched, the list  
7 is narrowed down to the one that is widely considered the best for  
8 that category; and

9           WHEREAS, Founded in 1987 by Eleanor Harren, Aunt Aggie De's  
10 Pralines specializes in the original creamy praline of its  
11 namesake, whose recipe Ms. Harren used for years as a caterer  
12 before opening her store; over the years, she has expanded to offer  
13 both chewy and chocolate pralines in addition to other candies,  
14 including pecan brittle and butter pecan toffee; pralines remain  
15 her customers' favorite, though, with more than two million sold  
16 each year; and

17           WHEREAS, Aunt Aggie De's Pralines does a thriving business by  
18 mail order as well as at its shop in Sinton, which is known for the  
19 giant squirrel sculpture at its entrance; the company and its  
20 products have been written about in many newspapers and magazines,  
21 including the *Washington Post*, *Southern Lady*, and *Southern Living*,  
22 and its pralines were a featured item at the 2012 Sundance Film  
23 Festival in Park City, Utah; and

24           WHEREAS, This latest recognition of an independent Texas

1 business by a national media outlet is a source of great pride for  
2 the Lone Star State, and it is a pleasure to honor Eleanor Harren  
3 and her employees for their outstanding commitment to excellence;  
4 now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Aunt Aggie De's Pralines on being  
7 named the 2013 Official Best Gourmet Pralines and Pecan Candy in  
8 Texas by the *Official Best Of* TV show and website and extend to  
9 Ms. Harren and her staff sincere best wishes for continued success;  
10 and, be it further

11         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Aunt Aggie De's Pralines as an expression of high  
13 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1916

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1916 was adopted by the House on May 15, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House