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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Howard N. Sacks of Houston has committed many years  
2 to the enhancement and beautification of Houston, and

3           WHEREAS, Mr. Sacks quickly committed to community service  
4 after facing a near threat of flooding from the Brays Bayou only one  
5 month after moving to Houston in 1983; he responded to this event by  
6 volunteering first as a member, then eventually the Chair of the  
7 Committee to Reduce the Risk of Flooding in his Homeowners'  
8 Association; and

9           WHEREAS, Realizing his interest in flood mitigation, Mr.  
10 Sacks joined the Brays Bayou Association and worked tirelessly on  
11 the development of the Harris County Flood Control District; and

12           WHEREAS, As Vice-President of the Brays Bayou Association,  
13 Mr. Sacks prioritized a unique opportunity to not only prevent  
14 flooding, but to also develop new greenspace; and

15           WHEREAS, Since seizing this opportunity, Mr. Sacks helped  
16 secure the Willow Waterhole Greenspace Project in 2000, and in  
17 2001, began his longtime service as the President of the Willow  
18 Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, where he served until 2012; and

19           WHEREAS, Under Mr. Sacks' leadership as President of the  
20 Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy, the Conservancy worked to  
21 fulfil its vision by receiving grants and beautifying the area with  
22 gazebos, trails, sidewalks, water fountains, and other items,  
23 growing the greenspace's reputation as a premier location for live  
24 music, fun-runs, and the leading bird-watching destination in the

1 City of Houston through monthly bird-watching conducted by the  
2 Audubon Society; and

3 WHEREAS, The momentum started under Mr. Sacks' involvement  
4 moves forward as he currently serves as Chairman of the Friends of  
5 Levitt Pavilion Houston, overseeing the plans to build the Levitt  
6 Pavilion Houston at Willow Waterhole for professional concerts and  
7 copious community events; and

8 WHEREAS, Throughout his efforts at community and  
9 environmental improvement, Mr. Sacks has enjoyed the love and  
10 support of his wife, Cindy; and

11 WHEREAS, Howard N. Sacks has truly established an everlasting  
12 legacy in the betterment of Houston through numerous projects in  
13 which been involved and lead; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby honor Howard N. Sacks for his many contributions  
16 to the environment, the community, and the City of Houston; and, be  
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Mr. Sacks as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
20 House of Representatives.