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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Renfro Foods, Inc., of Fort Worth is celebrating its
2 75th anniversary in 2015; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1940, George and Arthurine Renfro founded the
4 George Renfro Food Company, distributing packaged spices and pepper
5 sauces out of the garage of their Fort Worth home; as the business
6 grew over the next few years, the Renfros expanded the product line
7 to include Dixieland Syrup and their popular, homemade-style
8 Dixieland Chow Chow; and

9 WHEREAS, By 1963, the company was selling its products in
10 grocery stores across Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and northern
11 Louisiana, and the Mrs. Renfro's line of relishes quickly became
12 popular at fruit and vegetable stands in Texas, Alabama,
13 Mississippi, and Tennessee; in 1972, Renfro Foods, Inc., was
14 incorporated, and that same year, the popular line of Mrs. Renfro's
15 salsas was introduced; and

16 WHEREAS, George and Arthurine's family continues to build on
17 their legacy; sons Jack and Bill provide consultation and advice
18 after half a century of running the company, a job now handled by
19 the Renfro grandchildren, Doug, Becky, and James; today the
20 Mrs. Renfro's brand has grown to include more than 30 salsas,
21 peppers, relishes, and sauces, which are available in all 50 states
22 as well as in Canada, the Caribbean, England, Scotland, Germany,
23 Spain, and Australia; and

24 WHEREAS, Several of the company's distinctive salsas have won

1 awards, including two Scovie Awards, which are presented to the
2 leading fiery foods in the world, and the company itself has been
3 recognized by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Baylor University, the
4 Better Business Bureau, and the Texas Historical Commission, among
5 many others; and

6 WHEREAS, For three quarters of a century, this outstanding
7 family-owned enterprise has created jobs and strengthened the
8 economy of Fort Worth by sharing the taste of Texas with the world,
9 and it is fitting that the anniversary of its founding be
10 recognized; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Renfro Foods, Inc., on its 75th
13 anniversary and extend to the company's owners, management, and
14 employees sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
15 further

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