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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Robbie and Marie Hawes have closed their business,
2 Boathouse Bait, concluding nearly two decades of service to the
3 Port O'Connor fishing community; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hawes began working as a shrimper in 1968 at the
5 age of 23; in 1996, he and Mrs. Hawes opened Boathouse Bait, selling
6 shrimp and croaker to other fishermen as a way to supplement their
7 income from shrimping; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the years, the bait shop became the couple's
9 full-time business, and in 2006 they built a bigger building with
10 four 20-foot-long cement tanks and four large round tanks to hold
11 the bait; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Hawes employed a staff to sell the
13 bait, but Mr. Hawes himself rose at 2:30 every morning to clean the
14 tanks and separate the croaker, and at 4:30, he took his boat, the
15 *Pusservin*, out into the Gulf of Mexico to catch more bait; then,
16 before he left work at 9:00 every evening, he checked the pumps and
17 cleaned the tanks again; and

18 WHEREAS, For nearly two decades, Boathouse Bait has been a
19 signature business in Port O'Connor, and Mr. and Mrs. Hawes may
20 take great pride in the affection and respect they have earned from
21 their many longtime customers as they embark upon the next exciting
22 chapter of their lives; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
24 Legislature hereby commemorate the closing of Boathouse Bait in

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1 Port O'Connor and extend to Robbie and Marie Hawes sincere best
2 wishes for the future; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Hawes as an expression of high regard by
5 the Texas House of Representatives.