

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many generations of Eagle Pass residents visited the
2 beautiful Aztec Theater during its long history; and

3 WHEREAS, Constructed in 1915 by Hungarian immigrant Sam
4 Schwartz, the Aztec is considered the first documented theater in
5 the Mayan Revival style, which embraced pre-Columbian decorative
6 themes; it was designed by architect Leonard F. Seed, who also
7 served as contractor; and

8 WHEREAS, The theater initially offered silent movies and
9 vaudeville acts, charging ten cents for adults and five for
10 children; in 1929, the Aztec was one of the first venues in the
11 border region to screen *The Jazz Singer*, a milestone production
12 featuring recorded dialogue; and

13 WHEREAS, Sam Schwartz ranked as the oldest independent
14 theater owner in Texas at the time of his death in 1969; the Aztec
15 continued to operate under the management of his son, Arnold I.
16 Schwartz, and his son-in-law, Lloyd T. Munter, until 1982;
17 subsequent generations of the family utilized the space for a law
18 office and for periodic events; and

19 WHEREAS, An example of a distinctive architectural era, the
20 Aztec Theater has captured the imagination of innumerable Texans,
21 and it holds a host of memories for local cinephiles and the many
22 residents who have attended programs in this notable building; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas

H.R. No. 813

1 Legislature hereby recognize the historic Aztec Theater in Eagle
2 Pass for its long-standing contribution to that city's cultural
3 heritage.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 813 was adopted by the House on March 12, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House