

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Joseph Janczak has paid meaningful tribute to early  
2 heroes of the Lone Star State by creating a replica of the Sam  
3 Houston Memorial Window; and

4           WHEREAS, Completed in 1889, the beautiful stained glass  
5 window in the Old Main building at Sam Houston State University  
6 depicted scenes from Sam Houston's life; it also commemorated the  
7 Battle of San Jacinto and other conflicts from the state's struggle  
8 for independence; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Janczak liked to study at Old Main during his  
10 years as an accounting major at Sam Houston State; impressed by the  
11 memorial window, he took many photographs of it, and he was deeply  
12 saddened when the magnificent building was destroyed by a fire in  
13 1982; and

14           WHEREAS, In 2010, Mr. Janczak took time away from his career  
15 as a homebuilder to care for his ailing parents in Spring; he  
16 decided to devote his leisure hours to the enormous task of building  
17 a replica of the window, and although he had no experience in this  
18 area, he duplicated the pattern by reviewing his pictures and  
19 photos from the university archives; with the help of local shops,  
20 he set about finding glass to match the colored shards he had  
21 collected from the original window, and in about a year, he  
22 completed the magnificent 7-by-17-foot replica, which incorporates  
23 a small amount of the antique glass; and

24           WHEREAS, By re-creating the Sam Houston Memorial Window in

1 exquisite detail, this proud native Texan has demonstrated  
2 exceptional dedication to the history and heritage of this state,  
3 and his endeavor is indeed worthy of special recognition; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby honor Joseph Janczak for his reconstruction of  
7 the Sam Houston Memorial Window and extend to him sincere best  
8 wishes for the future; and, be it further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Mr. Janczak as an expression of high regard by the  
11 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1001

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1001 was adopted by the House on March 19, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House