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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.