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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Hurley Funeral Home has been awarded a 2015 Texas
2 Treasure Business Award by the Texas Historical Commission; and

3 WHEREAS, The Texas Treasure Business Award was created in
4 2005 and recognizes the contributions of Texas-based enterprises
5 that have been in continuous operation for at least 50 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Seeing the need for a mortuary in rural Atascosa
7 County, Millard Hurley opened Hurley Funeral Home in 1919; it
8 started out as a simple operation, with Mr. Hurley digging the
9 graves himself in addition to handling officiating duties; his
10 wife, Thelma, sold burial garments for the deceased and baked
11 chocolate cakes for the grieving families; and

12 WHEREAS, Appreciative of Mr. and Mrs. Hurley's hard work and
13 dedication, area residents turned to the couple's funeral home in
14 times of loss and the business grew; the Hurleys' son, Charles,
15 joined the staff, as did their grandchildren, Patrick and Ross, and
16 great-grandsons, Patrick and Evan; as the years went by, the family
17 created the Hurley Burial Insurance Association and established new
18 funeral home locations in nearby towns; today, the Hurley Funeral
19 Home has facilities in Pleasanton, Pearsall, Devine, and Lytle; and

20 WHEREAS, While providing funeral services to area residents,
21 the Hurley family has led in meeting other community needs as well;
22 in the 1930s, the Hurley Funeral Home began offering an ambulance
23 service, a resource that saw heavy use, as Atascosa County at that
24 time had few doctors and no hospital of its own; the funeral home

1 continued to operate the ambulance until 1980, when it donated its
2 ambulance equipment to the county to start the first EMS service in
3 that part of the state; acting individually, members of the Hurley
4 family have also played an active role in civic life, giving
5 generously of their time and energies to community organizations;
6 in the mid-1950s, moreover, Charles Hurley was instrumental in the
7 desegregation of schools in Atascosa County; and

8 WHEREAS, Family owned and operated for nearly a century,
9 Hurley Funeral Home has built an outstanding record of service in
10 South Texas, and the company is indeed deserving of its place among
11 the state's historic businesses; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Hurley Funeral Home on its receipt
14 of a 2015 Texas Treasure Business Award and extend to the members of
15 the family and all of the company's employees sincere best wishes
16 for continued success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Hurley Funeral Home as an expression of high regard by
19 the Texas House of Representatives.