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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, For more than 80 years, the Sanchez family of El Paso 2 have been among the leading custom cowboy boot makers in the nation, 3 and their Champion Attitude Boots are worn by customers from all 4 over the world; and

WHEREAS, In the 1920s, Yldefonso Sanchez moved from Leon, 5 Mexico, to El Paso, where he went to work at Fort Bliss as a cobbler 6 7 alongside another boot maker, Tony Lama Sr.; in 1928, Mr. Sanchez opened his own business, and during the 1940s and 1950s, his son and 8 9 daughter-in-law, Jose Lucas and Cuca Sanchez, expanded the business to western wear as well; the company grew to encompass six 10 11 locations, where it pioneered the concept of "repair while you 12 wait"; and

WHEREAS, When the founder's grandson Jose Luis Sanchez joined the family business in the 1960s, he arranged to have the family subcontract to make boots for a number of other El Paso boot brands, including Tony Lama and Nocona; during the 1970s, the company opened a store on Interstate 10, selling to truck drivers and tourists, and it benefited as well from the renewed interest in cowboy boots inspired by the popular film *Urban Cowboy*; and

20 WHEREAS, In the 1980s, a member of the fourth generation of 21 the family, Joey Sanchez, along with his future wife, Priscilla, 22 opened Champion Attitude Accessories, which marketed boot 23 accessories; they soon began to craft more colorful and stylish 24 footwear for younger customers under the name "Champion Attitude

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1 Boots," selling custom cowboy boots to rock-and-roll groups such as
2 Kiss, Motley Crue, and Bon Jovi; and

WHEREAS, Today, under the leadership of Joey and Priscilla 3 Sanchez, the company is known as Caboots, and it markets handmade 4 5 boots, shoes, and accessories through its website; the company is also known for its period reproduction boots, which have been 6 featured in motion pictures such as The Pirates of the Caribbean and 7 8 3:10 to Yuma; its footwear has also been featured in performances by Cirque du Soleil, the New York Metropolitan Opera, and the Chicago 9 10 Lyric Theater; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the course of four generations, the Sanchez 12 family and Caboots have helped to make El Paso the acknowledged 13 "Cowboy Boot Capital of the World," satisfying and delighting 14 customers of all ages and backgrounds with their unique custom 15 creations; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas 17 Legislature hereby commend the Caboots boot company on its eight 18 decades of success and extend to Joey and Priscilla Sanchez and 19 their employees sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it 20 further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 22 prepared for the Sanchez family as an expression of high regard by 23 the Texas House of Representatives.

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I certify that H.R. No. 1427 was adopted by the House on April 7, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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