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H.R. No. 1611

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Historical Commission received a
2 Preservation Merit Award from Preservation Austin in November 2014;
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4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1953, Preservation Austin is a nationally
5 recognized organization devoted to promoting the Capital City's
6 diverse legacy through the protection of historic places; each
7 year, the group presents awards to honor individuals and
8 institutions for their visionary approach to preservation and their
9 commitment to maintaining Austin's architectural, cultural, and
10 environmental inheritance; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2014, Preservation Austin awarded the Texas
12 Historical Commission a Preservation Merit Award for its
13 stewardship of five historic buildings in the Capitol Complex: the
14 Carrington-Covert House, the Christianson-Leberman Building,
15 Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Luther Hall, and the Elrose Apartment
16 Building; home to the commission's Austin-based staff and programs,
17 these local landmarks date back to as early as the 1850s; and

18 WHEREAS, Since 2008, the Texas Historical Commission has
19 undertaken a series of rehabilitation and restoration projects that
20 have been carried out by local craftspeople in accordance with the
21 highest standards of conservation; the commission's dedication to
22 safeguarding the buildings ensures their continued existence in the
23 face of increasing pressure to develop the area surrounding the
24 State Capitol; and

1 WHEREAS, These five historically significant buildings serve
2 as a reminder of Austin's rich history, and the Texas Historical
3 Commission is indeed deserving of recognition for its efforts to
4 preserve our heritage; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the Texas Historical Commission on
7 its receipt of a 2014 Preservation Merit Award from Preservation
8 Austin and extend to all those associated with the agency sincere
9 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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