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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Keith Keller of the Allen Keller Company has made  
2   invaluable contributions to the Lone Star State during his many  
3   years in highway construction; and

4           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan follows in the footsteps of his  
5   father, Allen Keller, who began his career as a field clerk with  
6   William Thornton in 1932 and went on to start two highway  
7   construction businesses; he established the first in 1946 in  
8   partnership with former Associated General Contractors president  
9   Doc Killian, and he founded the second, the Allen Keller Company, in  
10   Fredericksburg in 1953; and

11           WHEREAS, Keith Keller joined his father's business after  
12   earning an engineering degree from The University of Texas at  
13   Austin in 1964, and he became the company's president on April 1,  
14   1977; under his leadership, the Allen Keller Company received  
15   recognition for its drill-and-shoot and limestone-crushing  
16   techniques and was given responsibility for several of the most  
17   dramatic road cuts on I-10 between Austin and El Paso; and

18           WHEREAS, When President Lyndon B. Johnson signed Executive  
19   Order 11246, prohibiting employment discrimination in federally  
20   funded construction contracts, Keith Keller and his  
21   brother-in-law, James Kemp, helped coordinate efforts between the  
22   Federal Highway Administration, the Texas Department of  
23   Transportation, and construction companies in the hiring and  
24   training of minority Texans; this initiative resulted in more than

1 10,000 individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds finding gainful  
2 employment in the industry; and

3         WHEREAS, Respected and admired by his peers, Mr. Keller was  
4 elected president of the Associated General Contractors of Texas in  
5 1986, an office his father had held a quarter-century earlier; in  
6 this role, Keith Keller worked tirelessly to foster a rapport  
7 between the AGC of Texas and the members of the Texas Legislature,  
8 and the association's board of directors awarded him lifetime  
9 membership following his retirement in 2015; he has also served on  
10 the board of directors of the Security State Bank and Trust for more  
11 than three decades; and

12         WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Keller enjoys the love  
13 and support of his wife, the former Marjorie Ann Alberthal, whom he  
14 married on June 8, 1963, at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church in  
15 Fredericksburg; and

16         WHEREAS, Over the past five decades, this consummate  
17 professional has excelled in the highway construction industry, and  
18 he can reflect with great pride on his outstanding record of  
19 achievement; now, therefore, be it

20         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby honor Keith Keller for his many years of service  
22 to the highway construction industry and extend to him sincere best  
23 wishes for the future; and, be it further

24         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for Mr. Keller as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
26 House of Representatives.