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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Locally owned and operated businesses play a vital
2 role in the prosperity of the Lone Star State, and those enterprises
3 that build a record of dependability and longevity enjoy a special
4 degree of esteem in their communities; and

5 WHEREAS, The Atkinson Candy Company was founded in downtown
6 Lufkin in 1932 by B. E. and Mabel Atkinson; over the decades, it has
7 attained notable success with its assortment of sweets, and the
8 business expanded in 1983 with its acquisition of the San
9 Antonio-based Judson Candy Company; and

10 WHEREAS, Today, the enterprise is owned and operated by the
11 third and fourth generations of the Atkinson family and is ably led
12 by its founders' grandson, Eric Atkinson, who has served as
13 president since 2000; he has earned well-deserved recognition from
14 the industry by being named the 1990 Candy Man of the Year by the
15 Southern Candy and Tobacco Association, and he will be inducted
16 into the Candy Hall of Fame by the National Confectionary Sales
17 Association in the fall of 2015; and

18 WHEREAS, For more than eight decades, the Atkinson Candy
19 Company has held a special place in the life of the Lufkin
20 community, and all those associated with the enterprise may take
21 pride in its achievements; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
23 Legislature hereby recognize the Atkinson Candy Company for its
24 many years in business and extend to the company's owners and staff

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1 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for the company as an expression of high regard by the
4 Texas House of Representatives.