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H.R. No. 3143

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Albert Totah of Victoria closed his restaurant The
2 Corral on May 3, 2015, drawing to a close more than six decades of
3 operation; and

4 WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Victoria, Mr. Totah worked in
5 his parents' café while he was still in high school, and following
6 his studies at The University of Texas at Austin, he returned to
7 Victoria to open Totah's Fine Foods with two of his cousins; and

8 WHEREAS, After serving as a mess sergeant in the U.S. Army
9 during the Korean War, Mr. Totah returned to Victoria again, and on
10 December 12, 1952, he became a partner in The Corral; a year later,
11 he and his wife, Gwendolyn, bought the restaurant, and in 1956, he
12 installed a neon sign of an Indian shooting an arrow out front,
13 which soon became a local icon; he remodeled the restaurant in 1963,
14 and in 1974 he added a take-out window; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Totah has been a leader in his community for
16 many years, serving on the Victoria Chamber of Commerce as well as
17 the city's buildings and standards commission and the housing
18 authority; in 1989, he was inducted into the Texas Restaurant
19 Association Hall of Honor; and

20 WHEREAS, This local landmark has been a popular gathering
21 spot for several generations, and it is a privilege to honor
22 Mr. Totah and his staff for the high regard The Corral enjoyed in
23 the Victoria community for 62 years; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commemorate the closing of The Corral restaurant
2 in Victoria and extend to owner Albert Totah sincere best wishes for
3 continued happiness; and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Mr. Totah as an expression of high regard by the Texas
6 House of Representatives.