

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 617

WHEREAS, The H-E-B chain of grocery stores is marking a significant milestone in 2015 with the celebration of its 110th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Florence Butt began the H-E-B legacy in 1905 when she opened the C. C. Butt Grocery Store in Kerrville; her youngest son, Howard E. Butt, took over company operations in the 1920s, launching new stores in Del Rio, Laredo, and other communities and creating the company's first supermarket in the 1950s; currently, Charles Butt is the chair and chief executive officer of what has grown into one of the nation's most successful retailers, with more than 340 stores throughout Texas and Mexico and more than 85,000 dedicated employees; and

WHEREAS, A good corporate citizen in the communities it serves, H-E-B contributes significant resources to a variety of public and charitable programs; last year, the company donated approximately 29 million pounds of food and nonperishables to food banks in Texas and Mexico; furthermore, the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards program gives more than \$740,000 annually to deserving educators and school districts; and

WHEREAS, H-E-B has received the Texas Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence three times in recognition of company-wide efforts to promote conservation and efficiency; in 2010, *Progressive Grocer* magazine named H-E-B the Retailer of the Year for its myriad achievements in the industry and for its significant community involvement; and

WHEREAS, By creating jobs and helping to strengthen the economic prosperity of Texas, H-E-B has added to the vitality of

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the Lone Star State for more than a century, and it is fitting that the anniversary of its founding be recognized; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, hereby commemorate the 110th anniversary of H-E-B and extend to the company and its employees sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for H-E-B as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Menéndez, Campbell

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 23, 2015.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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