

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On the occasion of its 50th anniversary in 2017,
2 Gene's Photos in Gainesville has been honored with a Texas Treasure
3 Business Award from the Texas Historical Commission; and

4 WHEREAS, The Texas Treasure Business Award recognizes the
5 contributions of Texas-based enterprises that have created jobs and
6 enriched the state's economy for 50 years or more; and

7 WHEREAS, Founder and owner Gene Brown received a Polaroid
8 Swinger camera on his 10th birthday, sparking a lifelong passion
9 for photography; in college, he won the Texas Collegiate Press
10 Photography Award, and in February 1967, he started Gene's Photos,
11 working as a photographer of weddings, family reunions, and
12 portraits, and handling commercial and aerial photography; in the
13 early years, his father helped with the developing and his mother
14 did the books, and in 1975, his wife, Sherry, joined the business;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The studio has relocated into larger quarters
17 several times, and since 1987, Gene's Photos has been situated in
18 the old First National Bank building on the Cooke County Courthouse
19 square, where Mr. Brown now works with state-of-the-art digital
20 technology; he has photographed many famous individuals over the
21 years, including radio personality Paul Harvey, President Richard
22 Nixon, movie legend John Wayne, and Miss America 1971, Phyllis
23 George; and

24 WHEREAS, Small businesses play a critical role in meeting the

1 needs of area residents and sustaining the prosperity of the Lone
2 Star State, and over the course of half a century, and more than
3 1,000 weddings, Gene's Photos has contributed to the social and
4 economic fabric of Gainesville; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Gene's Photos
7 on its 50th anniversary and its receipt of a 2017 Texas Treasure
8 Business Award and extend to Gene and Sherry Brown sincere best
9 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

Springer

Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 144

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 144 was adopted by the House on August 10, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House