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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.