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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Chinese Society of Austin has made a positive
2 difference in the lives of countless Chinese Americans while
3 significantly contributing to the cultural vitality of its
4 community; and

5 WHEREAS, The CSA follows in the footsteps of a predecessor
6 organization, the Chinese Professional Association, which was
7 established in 1975 and which was renamed the Austin Chinese
8 Association in 1979; that group remained active in Austin until
9 1992, when a downturn in the local economy resulted in the departure
10 of a number of Chinese Americans, many of whom worked in the
11 high-tech sector; in 1996, George Chang, who served as the first
12 president of the CPA, and Paul Chen spearheaded the formation of the
13 CSA, whose leadership today includes Meiching Chou, president,
14 Peter Chao, vice president, and Millie Chu, treasurer; and

15 WHEREAS, The CSA seeks to unite area Chinese Americans from
16 mainland China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong and to promote their
17 participation in the social, cultural, and economic life of the
18 wider community; partnering closely with the City of Austin and the
19 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Houston, the society serves
20 as a clearinghouse for news and information of interest to Chinese
21 Americans, and it also hosts a number of annual events, including a
22 Chinese New Year celebration and the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival;
23 moreover, the group is a founding member of the Network of Asian
24 American Organizations and a proud sponsor of the Austin Chinese

1 Alliance; and

2 WHEREAS, The Chinese Society of Austin has rendered
3 invaluable service to its members while enriching the diverse
4 character of the community at large, and as Austin and its Asian
5 population continue to grow, it can indeed look forward to a bright
6 and vibrant future; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
8 Legislature hereby honor the Chinese Society of Austin for its
9 outstanding contributions to the community and extend to all those
10 associated with the organization sincere best wishes for continued
11 success; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the society as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.