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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Brazos Historical Society is celebrating the
2 100th anniversary of the Schuster House in Freeport during spring
3 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1917, the year the City of Freeport was
5 incorporated, the two-story home was built on a foundation of heavy
6 cedar blocks by George Schuster and his sons, Manuel, Henry, and
7 Joe, all experienced carpenters; its exterior is graced by a
8 wraparound porch supported by large columns, and the interior
9 features 10-foot ceilings and many windows to keep rooms cool in the
10 summer; and

11 WHEREAS, The stout construction and favorable location made
12 the home a place of refuge during hurricanes; in addition, it was
13 used by the Catholic community for catechism classes before their
14 church was completed; and

15 WHEREAS, Following the death of his parents, Joe Schuster
16 purchased the home in 1951 from the family estate with his wife,
17 Valentine; she continued to live in the home until her passing in
18 1981, and her children maintained it for the ensuing two decades; in
19 2003, descendants established the Schuster House Corporation and
20 placed the home and many original furnishings in the care of the
21 Brazos Historical Society, which undertook a 10-year restoration
22 project; the house is now open to the public as a museum, and in
23 2016, it received an Official Texas Historical Marker from the
24 Texas Historical Commission; and

1 WHEREAS, Historic homes are an irreplaceable cultural
2 resource, and the careful preservation of the Schuster House allows
3 Texans to learn more about our state's architectural heritage and
4 the everyday lives of our forebears; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the
7 Schuster House and commend the members of the Brazos Historical
8 Society for their stewardship; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the Brazos Historical Society as an expression of high
11 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.