

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Locally owned businesses make a welcome  
2 contribution to the distinct character of their communities, and  
3 Edible Art Specialty Cakes and Cookies of Longview is celebrating  
4 its 10th anniversary on May 1, 2017; and

5           WHEREAS, Edible Art's founder, Debbie Fontaine, earned a  
6 bachelor's degree in business administration and worked in the  
7 corporate world for 17 years before launching her own bakery  
8 business by making custom cakes and cookies out of her home; and

9           WHEREAS, Ms. Fontaine's enterprise took off when she made  
10 more than 600 swan cookies for the Longview Ballet's production of  
11 Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake*; as orders began flooding in, family and  
12 friends helped her with the baking, and Ms. Fontaine began looking  
13 for a roomier location than her home kitchen; and

14           WHEREAS, Since May 2007, Edible Art has operated out of the  
15 former "It'll Do" Tavern on South Street in Longview, and it has  
16 become popular for its distinctive creations and for its policy of  
17 giving a free Texas-shaped cookie to anyone who comes through the  
18 door; the business also regularly delivers cakes and cookies to the  
19 nearby headquarters of the Longview Police Department as a gesture  
20 of support; Edible Art is becoming better known outside of Longview  
21 as well, and in February 2017, the shop was ranked sixth in a list of  
22 the top 10 bakeries in Texas by the website bestthingstx.com; and

23           WHEREAS, For 10 years, Edible Art Specialty Cakes and Cookies  
24 has been a valued member of the Longview business community, and it

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1 is truly deserving of recognition on this special occasion; now,  
2 therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Edible Art Specialty Cakes and  
5 Cookies on its 10th anniversary and extend to Ms. Fontaine and her  
6 staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

7       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for the business as an expression of high regard by the  
9 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 880 was adopted by the House on March 23, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House