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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

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.