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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The iNaturalist Teacher Workshop developed by the
2 Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve in Corpus Christi has been recognized
3 with the 2017 Lone Star Recreation Programming Achievement Award
4 from the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS); and

5 WHEREAS, A nonprofit organization devoted to advancing the
6 profession of parks, recreation, and leisure services in Texas,
7 TRAPS annually presents a series of awards to its members; the Lone
8 Star Programming Award recognizes the creation of innovative
9 programs that serve the community and that make efficient use of an
10 organization's budget and staff time; and

11 WHEREAS, The Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve and Learning Center is
12 a component of the Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation Department
13 that is designed to connect citizens with the natural world through
14 a variety of hands-on activities; utilizing the iNaturalist app
15 allows visitors to upload smartphone photos of plants, fungi, and
16 wildlife for identification by other users, who include biologists
17 and naturalists; and

18 WHEREAS, While encouraging members of the public to engage
19 more deeply with nature, the application also enables lay
20 individuals to help the preserve assemble a catalog of the myriad
21 life-forms that make the Oso Bay Wetlands their home; as of 2017,
22 the application has garnered more than 1,100 observations of over
23 430 different species; and

24 WHEREAS, The iNaturalist Teacher Workshop uses

1 state-of-the-art technology to enhance people's appreciation of
2 the beauty and diversity of nature and to bring the citizens of
3 Corpus Christi closer to the riches in their own backyard, and it is
4 truly deserving of this prestigious award; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve and
7 Learning Center on winning the 2017 Lone Star Recreation
8 Programming Achievement Award and extend to all those associated
9 with the preserve sincere best wishes for continued success; and,
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve as an expression of high
13 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.