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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ironroot Republic Distilling in Denison earned  
2 great distinction by winning a 2017 World Whisky Award from *Whisky*  
3 magazine for its Hubris Corn Whiskey; and

4 WHEREAS, An alcoholic beverage distilled from the fermented  
5 mash of barley, corn, rye, or wheat, whiskey has been made for  
6 centuries by cultures all around the world; the name originates  
7 from the Gaelic term for "water of life," *uisce beatha*, and by long  
8 tradition, the Irish and American versions are spelled "whiskey,"  
9 while liquor distilled in Scotland or other countries is spelled  
10 "whisky"; and

11 WHEREAS, Ironroot Republic was founded in Denison in 2014 by  
12 two brothers from El Paso, Jonathan and Robert Likarish; the name of  
13 the distillery pays tribute to Thomas Volney Munson, a  
14 horticulturist in Denison who pioneered a new disease-resistant  
15 grape by grafting European grapes to the "iron roots" of the Texas  
16 mustang grape; and

17 WHEREAS, The Likarish brothers practice a local,  
18 grain-to-glass philosophy, distilling spirits that celebrate the  
19 agriculture, history, and culture of the Lone Star State; in  
20 addition to whiskey, the company makes brandy, moonshine, gin, and  
21 vodka, largely with grains grown within 60 miles of the distillery;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, In addition to the award from *Whisky* magazine,  
24 Ironroot Hubris Corn Whiskey also won Double Gold and Best Corn

1 Whiskey at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition; Ironroot's  
2 Harbinger Bourbon Whiskey won Gold for Non-Kentucky Bourbon from  
3 *Whisky* magazine and Double Gold at the New York World Wine and  
4 Spirits Competition, while its Promethean Bourbon Whiskey took Best  
5 in Class Gold at the Whiskies of the World Competition; the company  
6 itself was a Texas Rural Challenge winner in 2016, and that same  
7 year, it won the Governor's Small Business Award; and

8 WHEREAS, Locally owned and operated enterprises make a  
9 welcome contribution to the prosperity and distinct character of  
10 their communities, and it is a pleasure to recognize Ironroot  
11 Republic Distilling for the reputation for excellence that it has  
12 achieved; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Ironroot Republic Distilling on  
15 winning the World's Best Corn Whiskey Award from *Whisky* magazine  
16 and extend to Jonathan and Robert Likarish and their employees  
17 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for Ironroot Republic Distilling as an expression of high  
20 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.