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R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Weldon Burgoon shuttered Weldon's Saddle Shop and
2 Western Wear in Denton in January 2017, drawing to a close a
3 remarkable career as a master craftsman that spanned six decades;
4 and
5   WHEREAS, After graduating from high school in 1947,
6 Mr. Burgoon went to work in his father's plumbing business; as a
7 sideline, his mother sewed Western-style shirts and sold them in
8 the family's shop, and in the evenings, Mr. Burgoon began to work
9 with leather and make belts; and
10   WHEREAS, In 1957, Mr. Burgoon bought a sewing machine and
11 opened Weldon's Saddle Shop and Western Wear in downtown Denton;
12 there, he created custom leather goods, including more than 150
13 saddles, while also selling a wide variety of Western wear and
14 accessories, such as boots, hats, jeans, belts and buckles, Western
15 books and gift items, Breyer model horses, and rodeo equipment; and
16   WHEREAS, Mr. Burgoon was inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy
17 Hall of Fame in 2010, and his shop won designation as a Denton
18 County Heritage Business in 2016 from the Denton County Office of
19 History and Culture; his grandson, Clint Wilkinson, who got his
20 start in the shop, has since opened his own luxury leather store
21 next door, carrying on the family trade; and
22   WHEREAS, Texas has a strong tradition of innovation and
23 entrepreneurship, and over the course of 60 years, Weldon Burgoon's
24 dedication, artistry, and craftsmanship earned Weldon's Saddle

1 Shop and Western Wear the status of a treasured community

2 institution; now, therefore, be it

3   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

4 Legislature hereby congratulate Weldon Burgoon on his retirement

5 and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it

6 further

7   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

8 prepared for Mr. Burgoon as an expression of high regard by the

9 Texas House of Representatives.