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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Entrepreneurs and civic leaders Paul and Charla
2 Vinyard received the 2017 Tom Landry Leadership Award from Dallas
3 Baptist University on April 1, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, Named for the legendary Dallas Cowboys football
5 coach, the Tom Landry Leadership Award is presented annually by the
6 university to individuals from North Texas who excel in their
7 professions, exhibit exceptional leadership, and demonstrate
8 exemplary personal integrity and a high level of commitment to
9 serving their community; and

10 WHEREAS, Paul Vinyard and his late wife, Mary Beth, founded a
11 series of restaurants in the Dallas/Fort Worth area; the first,
12 Bubba's, opened in Dallas in 1981, and 12 years later, the couple
13 started Babe's Chicken Dinner House in Roanoke; in the years that
14 followed, Babe's expanded to nine locations in the region, and in
15 2006, the Vinyards opened Sweetie Pie's Ribeyes in Decatur; today,
16 the restaurants continue to thrive, assisted by Mr. Vinyard's
17 children, Joel and Tiffany; and

18 WHEREAS, After the death of Mary Beth Vinyard, Mr. Vinyard
19 was fortunate enough to find love again, and in 2009, he married
20 Charla Vinyard; she has enjoyed a successful career in real estate,
21 and her volunteer work includes service on the Women's Auxiliary
22 Board, the Mission Arlington and Mission Metroplex boards, and the
23 Tom Landry Leadership Award Dinner Committee; in addition, the
24 couple are active members of the First Baptist Church of Dallas; and

1 WHEREAS, Through their outstanding leadership and deep
2 religious faith, Paul and Charla Vinyard continue to make their
3 community a better place in which to live and work, and they are
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 Paul and Charla Vinyard on their
7 receipt of the 2017 Tom Landry Leadership Award and extend to them
8 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Vinyard as an expression of high regard
11 by the Texas House of Representatives.