## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, James E. Klein has been presented with a 2016-2017 Daniel E. Kilgore Local History Award by the Nueces County Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Established in 2004, this accolade is annually bestowed on individuals who have rendered distinguished service in advancing the NCHS mission to promote and preserve the history of Nueces County and the Coastal Bend; and

WHEREAS, The late Dan Kilgore was regarded as one of the state's foremost lay historians; in addition to amassing an extensive personal collection of Texana, which he donated to Texas A\&M University--Corpus Christi, he authored numerous books, newspaper articles, and reviews on the subject of South Texas history and also spoke frequently on local history topics before area groups; and

WHEREAS, A truly deserving recipient of this honor, Dr. Klein enjoys a rewarding career as a professor of history in the Del Mar College Department of Social Sciences; in addition to fulfilling the duties of his busy professional life, he has given generously of his time and energies in behalf of NCHS and his community at large; and

WHEREAS, This notable Texan has demonstrated a profound commitment to the stewardship of local history, and his contributions will help current and future generations of Coastal Bend residents to more fully understand and appreciate their rich
heritage; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate James E. Klein on his receipt of a 2016-2017 Daniel E. Kilgore Local History Award from the Nueces County Historical Society and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Dr. Klein as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

