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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas author Jeff Edward Frazier Sr. of Amarillo has
2 earned great distinction for himself with the success of his
3 Michael's Sermon series of novels; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in the state of Washington, Mr. Frazier moved
5 with his family to Silsbee, Texas, when he was in the fourth grade;
6 after graduating from Silsbee High School, he served his nation in
7 the U.S. Air Force for five years before embarking upon a career as
8 a civilian security officer for the Department of Energy; he has
9 worked at the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in Freeport and at the
10 Pantex nuclear weapons facility in Amarillo; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Frazier began his writing career by creating
12 plays and skits for his local church and then moved on to writing
13 short stories; after hearing a particularly powerful sermon in
14 church, he came up with the idea of a character named Michael, a
15 former juvenile delinquent in East Texas who delivers a one-word
16 sermon that changes forever the lives of those who hear it; and

17 WHEREAS, Though Mr. Frazier originally intended to write a
18 stand-alone book, his idea proved so fruitful that it has given rise
19 to a series; titles so far include *Receiving the Word*, *Learning the*
20 *Word*, *Preaching the Word*, and *Searching for Michael*, with a fifth
21 volume on the way; in addition to their message of hope, the books
22 offer deep explorations of the culture and religious heritage of
23 East Texas, with the stories featuring landmarks and events from
24 the author's childhood in Silsbee; and

1 WHEREAS, More recently, Mr. Frazier has returned to a project
2 he first began two decades ago, a novel about Jesus from the point
3 of view of his neighbors; in all his endeavors, this esteemed Texan
4 enjoys the love and support of his wife of 34 years, Donna, and his
5 son, Jeff Edward Frazier II; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Frazier's talent, determination, and deep
7 religious faith have enabled him to create a series of novels that
8 both entertain and inspire their readers, and he may indeed take
9 great pride in his achievement; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Jeff Edward Frazier Sr. on his
12 Michael's Sermon series of novels and extend to him sincere best
13 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. Frazier as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.