

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 345

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the Harris County Historical Commission and the citizens of Houston in celebrating the dedication of an Official Texas Historical Marker in honor of James Sherwood Lucas and his son, Alfred T. Lucas; and

WHEREAS, James Lucas immigrated to the United States from Liverpool, England, with his wife and four children, and by 1873, the family had settled in Houston; over the next 18 years, Mr. Lucas built a lasting testament to his talents as a brick mason and contractor, as seen in the brick work of the 1883 Preston Street Bridge and the 1884 Houston Cotton Exchange Building; and

WHEREAS, By the age of 16, Alfred Lucas was working as an apprentice to his father, and after James Lucas's death, Alfred continued the family's contracting business; Alfred's many accomplishments included working with Eugene T. Heiner on the 1896 Harris County Jail and Criminal Court Building and the 1899 Lavaca County Courthouse; in addition, while working with John Stadler, he built three private homes and 10 professional buildings, including the Houston Light Armory, the Henke and Company Store, the Magnolia and American Breweries, and the Houston Waterworks pump house; and

WHEREAS, Alfred Lucas helped build several of the city's famed cultural institutions, such as the 1895 City Auditorium; his company, Lucas Brick Works, paved many of the streets in Houston with bricks made at the company's yard on Buffalo Bayou near Shepherd and San Felipe; and

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WHEREAS, James and Alfred Lucas, two generations of talented brick masons, left a legacy of craftsmanship that aided in the urbanization and development of Houston, and it is truly fitting that a historical marker be dedicated in their honor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the contributions of James Sherwood Lucas and Alfred T. Lucas to the City of Houston and extend to the Harris County Historical Commission best wishes for a memorable Official Texas Historical Marker dedication ceremony; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

Garcia

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 1, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate