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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Lilian Halabi, the owner of Lily's Cakes in Harker Heights and Temple, has distinguished herself by winning two Food Network competitions; and

WHEREAS, This two-time champion achieved her first victory during a Monopoly-themed *Cake Wars* episode that aired in January 2017; Ms. Halabi and her assistant, Samantha Adkins, beat out three other teams with a five-tiered orange cake, which was decorated with iconic figures from the board game, including dice, tokens, money, and Mr. Monopoly; and

WHEREAS, Returning to Food Network in November 2018, Ms. Halabi competed in *Holiday Wars* alongside her team, the Frost Sleighers; the group wowed the judges with their two entries, a confectionery piglet in a chimney and an elaborate cake depicting a family of snowmen filling in for sick elves at Santa's workshop; Ms. Halabi was tasked with providing the detailing for the treats, with a special focus on the faces of the figures; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Halabi was born to Syrian parents in Venezuela and moved to Texas in 1995; having baked and cooked since childhood, she continued to develop her pastry-making skills by watching online videos and attending classes at Hobby Lobby; she started operating Lily's Cakes out of her home in December 2010, and she opened the doors to the brick-and-mortar bakery in Harker Heights a couple of years later; after winning *Cake Wars*, she established a second Lily's Cakes location in Temple; and

WHEREAS, With her exceptional performances on *Cake Wars* and *Holiday Wars*, Lilian Halabi has brought great credit to her family, her business, and her community, and she is indeed deserving of recognition for her talent and determination; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Lilian Halabi on her victories in the Food Network *Cake Wars* and *Holiday Wars* competitions and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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