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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, For more than 30 years, the post office in Valentine has offered people around the world a special postmark for their love letters and cards on Valentine's Day; and

WHEREAS, The town of Valentine received its name because it was founded on February 14, 1882, and in recent years, its post office has provided a special romantic postmark for the holiday, with a new design every year; individuals from across the nation and as far away as Switzerland and Japan send letters to Texas to be stamped with the special cancellation; on average, the post office processes 12,000 love letters each year, and it has received as many as 30,000; and

WHEREAS, Each year's postmark is selected through a competition for local schoolchildren; the 2019 winning entry was created by Jordan Miller, an eighth grader in the Valentine Independent School District; the design shows the back of a pickup truck, with the date, the name of the town and its zip code, and "Love Station" written across the tailgate and the bumper; the truck is flanked by a line from the classic Waylon Jennings song "Luckenbach, Texas (Back to the Basics of Love)"; and

WHEREAS, This unique and charming tradition helps individuals from far and wide put a West Texas spin on their Valentine's Day cards and letters, and it is truly deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby commend the Valentine post office for its annual Valentine's Day postmark program and extend to the post office sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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