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H.R. No. 316

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi is an
2 outstanding institution that is committed to connecting people with
3 nature and promoting conservation of the Gulf of Mexico; and

4 WHEREAS, After two decades of planning, TSA first opened its
5 doors in 1990 with an original exhibit on the Gulf of Mexico; over
6 the years, numerous permanent and special exhibits have been
7 introduced that allow spectators to see stingrays, bottlenose
8 dolphins, a live bald eagle, and an underwater view of the habitat
9 that forms around oil-drilling platforms; and

10 WHEREAS, This exemplary private, nonprofit organization also
11 contributes to the community through a wide range of education and
12 conservation programs and by offering field trips and summer camps;
13 the aquarium features an artificial fossil dig site, and in 2017,
14 the Caribbean Journey exhibit opened; and

15 WHEREAS, The Wildlife Rescue and Recovery Program was
16 established more than 20 years ago and is an important part of the
17 aquarium's mission; through the years, the program has treated
18 thousands of distressed birds, reptiles, and marine mammals; most
19 often the program cares for shorebirds and birds of prey, but the
20 group has also provided care to sea turtles, dolphins, and
21 manatees; and

22 WHEREAS, The Texas State Aquarium has received multiple
23 awards for its work, including the prestigious Pinnacle Award from
24 the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration; and

1 WHEREAS, By encouraging Texans to appreciate the diversity
2 and vulnerability of marine life, the aquarium is making a
3 significant contribution to the Lone Star State, and the efforts
4 and achievements of all involved in this worthy endeavor indeed
5 merit special commendation; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize February 13, 2019, as Texas State
8 Aquarium Day at the State Capitol and extend to all those associated
9 with the aquarium sincere best wishes for continued success; and,
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the Texas State Aquarium as an expression of high
13 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.