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R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 WHEREAS, This two-time champion achieved her first victory
5 during a Monopoly-themed *Cake Wars* episode that aired in January
6 2017; Ms. Halabi and her assistant, Samantha Adkins, beat out three
7 other teams with a five-tiered orange cake, which was decorated
8 with iconic figures from the board game, including dice, tokens,
9 money, and Mr. Monopoly; and

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

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

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

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

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