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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Hill Country Arts Foundation of Ingram is
2 celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1959, a small group of artists established HCAF
4 to meet the region's need for a place dedicated to arts education,
5 exhibition, and performance; the foundation occupies 13 acres at
6 the convergence of the Guadalupe River and Johnson Creek, which has
7 given rise to the nickname "The Point"; and

8 WHEREAS, HCAF facilities include an art gallery overlooking
9 the creek, as well as three art instruction studios, a printmaking
10 studio, a ceramics studio with four kilns, an indoor theater, and a
11 500-seat amphitheater that is considered the state's oldest
12 continuously operating outdoor theater; the site has also served as
13 home to the Texas Tourist Development Agency's Texas Arts and
14 Crafts Fair since 1972; in addition, the grounds feature the art
15 installation "Stonehenge II," which has become a popular tourist
16 destination; and

17 WHEREAS, HCAF offers children and adults opportunities to
18 explore and showcase their creativity in a variety of classes,
19 workshops, camps, stage productions, and exhibitions; each year,
20 the foundation welcomes more than 20,000 patrons, and university
21 students from across the country participate in its summer
22 internship program; and

23 WHEREAS, For six decades, the Hill Country Arts Foundation
24 has contributed to the vibrancy of the region's cultural scene, and

1 in so doing, it has enriched the lives of innumerable people; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate the Hill Country Arts Foundation on
5 its 60th anniversary and extend to all those associated with this
6 noteworthy organization sincere best wishes for the future; and, be
7 it further

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