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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Morton Museum of Cooke County in Gainesville  
2 celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2018; and

3           WHEREAS, Located in a restored building that once housed the  
4 Gainesville city hall, firehouse, and jail, the Morton Museum of  
5 Cooke County opened on December 7, 1968; owned and operated by the  
6 Cooke County Heritage Society, the museum curates a range of  
7 historical exhibits, and it also offers educational programs and  
8 maintains a substantial archival and photographic collection for  
9 researchers; and

10           WHEREAS, The Morton Museum owes its existence to the efforts  
11 of concerned citizens who joined forces with the heritage society  
12 in the 1960s to stop the demolition of the historic 1884 building  
13 that is now occupied by the museum; the movement was also supported  
14 by Gainesville native Granville C. Morton and his wife, Gladys,  
15 whose generous donations helped lead to the creation of this  
16 treasured landmark that bears their name; and

17           WHEREAS, For the past half century, the Morton Museum of  
18 Cooke County has served as a valued resource for local residents and  
19 visitors alike, and the continued growth of the institution is a  
20 tribute to the vision of its founders and the unwavering commitment  
21 of its patrons, staff, and volunteers; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
23 Legislature hereby congratulate the Morton Museum of Cooke County  
24 on celebrating its 50th anniversary and extend to all those

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1 associated with the museum sincere best wishes for the future; and,  
2 be it further

3         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for the museum as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
5 House of Representatives.