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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family-owned businesses play a vital role in the
2 communities of the Lone Star State, and in 2019, the Garcia family
3 is celebrating the 80th anniversary of Division Laundry of San
4 Antonio; and

5 WHEREAS, Peter C. Garcia, an immigrant from San Luis Potosí,
6 Mexico, founded Division Laundry as a one-man operation in a small
7 building inside Fort Sam Houston in 1939; his business originally
8 provided laundry and sewing services to members of the 2nd Infantry
9 Division, and after it outgrew its location, Mr. Garcia moved it
10 into a facility on North New Braunfels Avenue; he again relocated
11 the business to a new building designed by the National Institute of
12 Laundering and the National Dry Cleaning Institute in 1964, and
13 within a decade, it began to transition from being a military
14 uniform processor to a laundry linen processor; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1992, Mr. Garcia's wife, Cecilia Garcia, became
16 president of Division Laundry; the business continued to flourish
17 under her leadership and later under the guidance of the couple's
18 son, Patrick R. Garcia, its current president; the strength and
19 resilience of the Garcia family were instrumental in rebuilding the
20 company after its plant was devastated by a fire in 2001, and two
21 years later, they celebrated the opening of a new plant in its
22 place; in honor of the company's "rise from the ashes," a stylized
23 phoenix now appears on its logo and branding; and

24 WHEREAS, Today, Division Laundry continues to honor its

1 founder's commitment to service and workmanship, and the Garcias
2 are now welcoming a third generation of family members, Patricia
3 Luna, Patrick A. Garcia, and Theresa Garcia, onto the leadership
4 team; through the years, the company has established contracts with
5 clients that include hospital systems and hotel chains, and it is a
6 major provider of jobs in a socioeconomically disadvantaged area of
7 San Antonio; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the course of eight decades, the Garcia
9 family's hard work, vision, and commitment to excellence have made
10 Division Laundry an inspiring success story, and it is a pleasure to
11 join in congratulating its members on this special milestone; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
14 Legislature hereby commemorate the 80th anniversary of Division
15 Laundry of San Antonio and extend to its current owners sincere best
16 wishes for the future; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the Garcia family as an expression of high regard by
19 the Texas House of Representatives.