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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The historic Fredonia Hotel in Nacogdoches received
2 a 2019 Honor Award from Preservation Texas at a ceremony in Austin
3 on February 27, 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, Selected by a jury of preservationists, the Honor
5 Awards recognize successful efforts to save and preserve
6 irreplaceable and historic buildings and places in the Lone Star
7 State; the awards also honor individuals who contribute to the
8 preservation of the state's heritage; and

9 WHEREAS, Situated in one of the oldest and most historic
10 towns in Texas, the Fredonia Hotel was the brainchild of Jack
11 McKinney, who suggested to the local chamber of commerce the
12 construction of a community-owned hotel to provide first-class
13 accommodations for businesspeople and other travelers; the name
14 "Fredonia" was proposed by four-year-old Susan McKinney; and

15 WHEREAS, The Fredonia was built in 1955, centered around an
16 ancient catalpa tree that once stood in its atrium; over the years,
17 the hotel has hosted such famous guests as Elvis Presley, Colonel
18 Sanders, Farrah Fawcett, and Amy Schumer, and today, it offers
19 travelers more than 100 rooms in a variety of styles, as well as the
20 popular Nine Flags Bar, the elegant Republic Steakhouse, and 1st
21 City Café, which features farm-to-table southern cuisine; and

22 WHEREAS, For nearly six and a half decades, the Fredonia
23 Hotel has provided visitors to Nacogdoches with state-of-the-art
24 accommodations while also representing the rich heritage of its

1 community, and its management and staff may indeed take pride in
2 this recognition of its special place in the history of the Lone
3 Star State; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate the Fredonia Hotel on its receipt
6 of a 2019 Honor Award from Preservation Texas and extend to all
7 those associated with the hotel sincere best wishes for continued
8 success; and, be it further

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