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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Nokona American Ballgloves moved into its new
2 facility in Nocona in 2018, providing a fitting opportunity to
3 celebrate the company's long and accomplished history; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1926, Nocona banker Cadmus McCall provided a loan
5 to a leather goods manufacturer, and when the owners defaulted, he
6 took over the assets and founded the Nocona Leather Goods Company,
7 which specialized in wallets and purses; during the Great
8 Depression, the firm shifted to manufacturing baseball gloves, and
9 over the years, it has also made other athletic gear, including
10 baseball bats, catcher's equipment, and football helmets; in 2006,
11 the original factory burned down, and the business continued to
12 operate from temporary locations until 2018, when it settled into
13 its new home, the former factory of the Nocona Boot Company; the
14 updated facility features a streamlined, energy-efficient design
15 as well as a shop and a museum; and

16 WHEREAS, Along the way, the firm's name was changed to Nokona
17 American Ballgloves, and it currently benefits from the leadership
18 of co-owner and president Rob Storey, the founder's great-grandson;
19 the only manufacturer of ball gloves in the United States today,
20 Nokona employs a staff of 35, who produce an estimated 30,000 gloves
21 a year; and

22 WHEREAS, The well-being of the people of Texas depends on a
23 vibrant, diversified economy, and businesses that build a record of
24 excellence and longevity enjoy a special degree of esteem in the

1 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
3 Legislature hereby commemorate the grand opening of the new Nokona
4 American Ballgloves factory and extend to Mr. Storey and his
5 employees sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
6 further

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