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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The iconic Texas Pool in Plano, the first
2 Texas-shaped pool in state and national history, was entered into
3 the National Register of Historic Places in 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, The idea for the 168,000-gallon pool, which was
5 built in 1960 and opened to the public a year later, was conceived
6 by Herbert Hunt and the William Herbert Hunt Trust as a way to
7 attract families to the Dallas North Estates neighborhood; the pool
8 was a popular destination for several decades, until its membership
9 began to decline around the 2000s; and

10 WHEREAS, In recent years, a coalition of volunteers and
11 historians has come together to help restore the Texas Pool; the
12 Texas Pool Foundation was established in 2013, and its board
13 members set their sights on securing designation of the pool as a
14 national historic landmark, an endeavor that was met with unanimous
15 support by the Texas Historical Commission in late 2018; this
16 coming summer, the pool is set to open with the addition of
17 underwater tiles, a refurbished feature from its earlier days, that
18 spell out the names of a number of Texas cities; and

19 WHEREAS, The Texas Pool has been a source of many fond
20 memories for generations of visitors, and its recognition as a
21 national historic landmark, combined with the dedicated efforts of
22 local volunteers and historians, will help to ensure the continued
23 preservation of this treasured community asset; now, therefore, be
24 it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
2 Legislature hereby commemorate the inclusion of the Texas Pool in
3 the National Register of Historic Places and extend to the pool's
4 caretakers and members sincere best wishes for the future.