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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Rapper, DJ, and entrepreneur Paul Wall of Houston
2 has earned the nickname "the People's Champ" through his success as
3 an independent musician and his tireless efforts in behalf of
4 underprivileged communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Each summer, Mr. Wall sponsors a back-to-school
6 backpack donation program to encourage enthusiasm for a new year of
7 learning; he also organizes annual holiday toy drives, and he
8 partners with the group Parents Against Predators to host a
9 Christmas party for children in need; for three years, he and PAP
10 have also worked together to produce a middle school anti-bullying
11 tour; in addition, he and his wife, Crystal, collected supplies and
12 other donations for people affected in the wake of Hurricane
13 Harvey; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Wall began making his mark in the music business
15 in 1999 as a mixtape star; in 2005, his album *People's Champ* debuted
16 at No. 1 on *Billboard* magazine's Top 200 chart, and it raced to
17 platinum status; he has collaborated with many prominent
18 performers, from Snoop Dogg and Devin the Dude to fellow H-Town
19 icons such as Z-Ro, Chamillionaire, and Slim Thug; moreover, he has
20 served the state's music industry as a governor and trustee of the
21 Texas Chapter of the Recording Academy; and

22 WHEREAS, In 1998, Mr. Wall and his business partner, jeweler
23 Johnny Dang, were at the forefront of the grillz fashion accessory
24 craze, and Mr. Wall gave the trend an extra boost by collaborating

1 with Nelly and others on the Grammy-nominated hit "Grillz"; today,
2 his upscale jewelry store is patronized by many celebrities; and

3 WHEREAS, Paul Wall has earned the respect and admiration of
4 innumerable people through his professional accomplishments and
5 good works, and he exemplifies the dynamism of the Bayou City; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
8 Legislature hereby recognize May 15, 2019, as the People's Champ
9 Day and commend Paul Wall for his many achievements; and, be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Mr. Wall as an expression of high regard by the Texas
13 House of Representatives.