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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Fort Worth Zoo has been ranked fourth on *USA*
2 *Today's* 2019 list of the 10 Best Zoos in North America; and

3 WHEREAS, The publication has conducted its Best Zoo poll for
4 the past three years, and the Fort Worth Zoo has placed in the top
5 five each time; the top 20 were chosen by a panel of travel and
6 lifestyle industry experts, and the top 10 were selected by public
7 poll; and

8 WHEREAS, Established in 1909, the Fort Worth Zoo is one of the
9 oldest continuously operating zoos in the Lone Star State; it is
10 home to more than 540 species of animals from around the globe,
11 including representatives of all four species of great apes and the
12 most successful breeding colony of lesser flamingos in the world;
13 the zoo also houses one of the largest collections of reptiles in
14 the United States, and it is an international leader in Asian
15 elephant conservation; and

16 WHEREAS, More than 100 species at the zoo are part of the
17 Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) Species Survival Plan,
18 including 68 endangered or threatened species; the zoo's new
19 African Savannah exhibit features giraffes, zebras, hippos, and
20 rhinoceroses, and in 2011, the zoo received top honors from the AZA
21 for excellence in the areas of live animal display and exhibit
22 design; and

23 WHEREAS, For more than a century, the Fort Worth Zoo has been
24 delighting and informing visitors about the wonders of the animal

1 kingdom while maintaining the highest professional standards, and
2 it is truly deserving of this special recognition; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate the Fort Worth Zoo on being named
6 the fourth best zoo in North America by *USA Today* and extend to the
7 zoo's staff sincere best wishes for continued success in their
8 important work; and, be it further

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