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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For more than 30 years, the post office in Valentine  
2 has offered people around the world a special postmark for their  
3 love letters and cards on Valentine's Day; and

4           WHEREAS, The town of Valentine received its name because it  
5 was founded on February 14, 1882, and in recent years, its post  
6 office has provided a special romantic postmark for the holiday,  
7 with a new design every year; individuals from across the nation and  
8 as far away as Switzerland and Japan send letters to Texas to be  
9 stamped with the special cancellation; on average, the post office  
10 processes 12,000 love letters each year, and it has received as many  
11 as 30,000; and

12           WHEREAS, Each year's postmark is selected through a  
13 competition for local schoolchildren; the 2019 winning entry was  
14 created by Jordan Miller, an eighth grader in the Valentine  
15 Independent School District; the design shows the back of a pickup  
16 truck, with the date, the name of the town and its zip code, and  
17 "Love Station" written across the tailgate and the bumper; the  
18 truck is flanked by a line from the classic Waylon Jennings song  
19 "Luckenbach, Texas (Back to the Basics of Love)"; and

20           WHEREAS, This unique and charming tradition helps  
21 individuals from far and wide put a West Texas spin on their  
22 Valentine's Day cards and letters, and it is truly deserving of  
23 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commend the Valentine post office for its annual  
2 Valentine's Day postmark program and extend to the post office  
3 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for the Valentine post office as an expression of high  
6 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.