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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Traces of Texas online photography project is
2 making a significant contribution to the preservation of the
3 heritage of the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2004, photographer Jac Darsnek began taking
5 pictures of locations and buildings across Texas that he feared
6 would one day be lost without having been recorded, and in 2013, he
7 started sharing his photos on social media; his Facebook account
8 took off in 2015, when he uploaded a vintage photograph of the
9 original Whataburger location in Corpus Christi from 1955, and the
10 photo was accessed by 12 million viewers; and

11 WHEREAS, Since embarking on the project, Mr. Darsnek has
12 traveled more than 200,000 miles across the state, and the Traces of
13 Texas website features a robust collection of his striking color
14 photographs of such sites as roadside cafes, ranch gates, railroad
15 bridges, drive-in theaters, and countless other subjects; the
16 website also includes arcane Texas facts that are updated daily and
17 a forum for visitors to share their own stories and photos; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to the website and Facebook page, Traces
19 of Texas is available on Instagram and Twitter, where followers can
20 enjoy photographs of various sites, as well as stills from classic
21 Texas films and remembrances of celebrated Texans of the past; and

22 WHEREAS, A thriving online community dedicated to all things
23 Texan, Traces of Texas is a lively celebration of the history,
24 culture, and enduring legacy of the Lone Star State; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
3 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend the Traces of Texas
4 online photography project and extend to all those associated with
5 the initiative sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be
6 it further

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