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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Smoke-A-Holics BBQ in Fort Worth has won the loyalty of many area residents while contributing to the prosperity of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, The restaurant got its start in 2018, when pitmaster Derrick Walker began selling barbecue from a food truck in Southeast Fort Worth; the operation moved to a permanent building on Evans Avenue in August 2019, and in a recent expansion, Smoke-A-Holics opened a second location inside Crocket Hall, near the Fort Worth Cultural District; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of Mr. Walker and his wife, Kesha, Smoke-A-Holics BBQ has earned a number of accolades, including a nomination as Best New Restaurant of 2020 in the CultureMap Tastemaker Awards, and it has been featured in *Garden & Gun* magazine; and

WHEREAS, By creating jobs and furthering the unique character of their communities, locally owned businesses are integral to the Texas economy, and Smoke-A-Holics BBQ is to be commended for furthering the Lone Star State's proud entrepreneurial tradition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Smoke-A-Holics BBQ on its success and extend to the Walker family and to all those associated with the restaurant sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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