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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Fort Worth Zoo received well-deserved  
2 recognition when it was named the Best Zoo in North America by *USA*  
3 *Today* in July 2020; and

4           WHEREAS, Each year, *USA Today* assembles a panel of industry  
5 experts to select the 20 zoos in North America that maintain the  
6 highest professional standards, and the newspaper then asks readers  
7 to vote for their favorite from the list; the Fort Worth Zoo claimed  
8 the No. 1 spot for the first time in 2020 and has finished in the top  
9 five on three previous occasions; and

10           WHEREAS, Drawing one million visitors annually, the Fort  
11 Worth Zoo is renowned for being the home of many rare animals; it is  
12 the only zoo in Texas, and one of just seven in the nation, to house  
13 bonobos, and it is one of five locations in the world to include  
14 both black and greater one-horned African rhinoceroses; moreover,  
15 it hosts the most successful breeding colony of lesser flamingos in  
16 the world, and its residents include 68 endangered and threatened  
17 species, including the harpy eagle, the Storm's stork, and the  
18 Komodo dragon; among other accomplishments, the zoo has led the  
19 effort to save the Jamaican iguana, the most endangered lizard in  
20 the world; and

21           WHEREAS, The Fort Worth Zoo benefits from the efforts of a  
22 dedicated staff that includes 185 full-time members, 400 part-time  
23 seasonal workers, and as many as 200 seasonal volunteers; it is  
24 accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the Zoological

1 Association of America, and American Humane; and

2 WHEREAS, The Fort Worth Zoo has been delighting and educating  
3 visitors about the natural world for more than a century, and it is  
4 truly deserving of this special honor; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the Fort Worth Zoo for being named  
7 the Best Zoo in North America by *USA Today* and extend to the zoo's  
8 staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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