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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The Felix H. Morales Funeral Home in Houston is
- 2 celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2021, marking a significant
- 3 milestone for this venerable family-owned institution; and
- WHEREAS, Founded by Felix and Angela Morales, Morales Funeral
- 5 Home opened its doors on January 31, 1931; it was the first
- 6 Hispanic-owned funeral home in Houston and the first to receive a
- 7 contract from the Harris County Commissioners Court to provide
- 8 burial services for indigent people; the business also established
- 9 the first cemetery for Hispanic people in Houston and created a
- 10 fraternal burial society for Hispanic subscribers, costing \$5.20 a
- 11 year; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Co-owner Angela Morales earned her funeral director
- 13 and embalming license in 1942, becoming one of the first Hispanic
- 14 women to do so; in 1946, the family also founded KLVL-AM in
- 15 Pasadena, one of the first Spanish-language radio stations along
- 16 the Gulf Coast, and Felix Morales was the first Hispanic to be named
- 17 to the Pasadena Hall of Fame; and
- WHEREAS, Since 1993, Morales Funeral Home has been operated
- 19 by the granddaughter of Felix and Angela Morales, State
- 20 Representative Christina Morales, who serves as president, CEO, and
- 21 funeral director; since 2013, she has been assisted by her nephew,
- 22 Joe L. Morales, who serves as operations manager; working together
- 23 with their expert staff, they have made the funeral home one of the
- 24 signature enterprises of Houston's Second Ward; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, Family-owned businesses that build a record of
- 2 dependability and longevity enjoy a special degree of esteem in
- 3 their communities, and the Morales family may indeed take great
- 4 pride in their long history of service to the people of Houston;
- 5 now, therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
- 7 Legislature hereby commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Felix H.
- 8 Morales Funeral Home and extend to the Morales family and their
- 9 staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 11 prepared for the Morales Funeral Home as an expression of high
- 12 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 937 was adopted by the House on May 8, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House