

By: Metcalf

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texans and visitors from across the nation benefit
2 greatly from the dedicated efforts of the employees of the State
3 Preservation Board; and

4 WHEREAS, This vital state agency is responsible for the
5 preservation and maintenance of the historic buildings in the
6 Capitol Complex, and it approves all construction, repair, and
7 renovation work; it also operates the Bullock Texas State History
8 Museum, the Texas State Cemetery, the Capitol Visitors Center and
9 gift shops, and the Capitol Visitors Parking Garage; moreover, the
10 agency provides educational and curatorial services, offers guided
11 tours to the public, schedules and manages public events, and
12 maintains the Texas Governor's Mansion and its grounds; and

13 WHEREAS, Executive Director Rod Welsh oversees the State
14 Preservation Board with the able assistance of the executive staff,
15 David L. Byers, Bob Cash, Erin Christensen, Christopher B. Currens,
16 Linda L. Gaby, Dale G. Hernandez, Alice B. James, Leslie Pawelka,
17 Cindy Provine, and Ann M. Vay, as well as the skilled members of the
18 finance department, Lindsey A. Alvarado, Barbara Hanus, Angela
19 Knoll, Lisa Stockton, Laura Kelly, Deanna L. Wall, and Vashyra
20 Waller; the agency's work further benefits from the support of its
21 administrative personnel, Virginia Benavidez, Robert M. Davis,
22 Dana Dennett, Jane A. Falkenberg, Patricia G. Hernandez-Ruiz,
23 Elithia Rangel, and Valerie Simpson, as well as IT staff members
24 Andre Bygrave and Rosemary Rodriguez and support specialist Tony

1 Hubbard; and

2 WHEREAS, The curatorial staff consists of Richard
3 T. Eisenhour, Paige A. Hester, and Michelle Lambing; educational
4 tours of the Capitol are offered by Joyce Aldridge, William
5 Anderson, Patricia Andrews, Richard Bronson, Jeffrey Crunk,
6 Analise Garcia, Nancy Korzilius, Margie Paz, Marsha Rainey, Karen
7 Rohe, Comfort K. Tysen, Derrick Wright, and Georgia Zunker; and

8 WHEREAS, Members of the public are welcomed to the Capitol
9 Visitors Center by staffers Charles Angel, Eric A. Boedy, Elizabeth
10 Garzone, Elizabeth K. Reid, Kandace D. Russell, and Jenna
11 Archuletta; the retail operation is overseen by Sheryl D. Baker,
12 Misha Karen Buckman, Michael J. Dillon, Carolyn Rzeppa, and Carlee
13 Hicks, and team members include Cynthia Cervenka, Arcilia Gonzalez,
14 Nancy Hennessy, and Angelia Rios Hennigan at the Capitol Visitors
15 Center gift shop, Patricia-Ann Bass, Tom Farley, Lisa Gentry, and
16 Tracy Lee King at the Capitol Extension gift shop, and Cady Bates,
17 Michael Coronado, Elizabeth A. Deutchman, Corrine Shepherd, and
18 Karen Morris at the retail warehouse; and

19 WHEREAS, The outstanding employees who are responsible for
20 the care and maintenance of the landmark buildings and monuments
21 are Steven E. Aguirre, Kevin M. Koch, Joe Medina, Christopher L.
22 Nunn, Rachel Santos, Araceli Ripper, and Daniel Scott of facilities
23 management, Roberto Carlos Benavides, Peter Castilleja, David
24 Flanagan, Bill Kleinebecker, Thomas Levitt, Chinh C. Nguyen, David
25 Pham, Subhash Kodinariya, Vincent Vazquez, Waleed Ibrahim, Eric
26 Tamayo, Vincent Tamayo, Gregory V. Taylor, Phillip Torres, and Alex
27 Villalobos of the maintenance crew, Laura G. Cuellar, Crisostoma

1 Espino-Recendiz, Aida Robles, Maria Rodriguez, Moon Kim, Ollie
2 Vaughn, Anthony Trammell, Ema Medal, Vanesa Rodriguez, Maria Elena
3 Alvarado, Sandra Delgado, Cindy Chavez, and Flora Torres of the
4 housekeeping team, and Antonio Delgado and Hector N. Medrano of the
5 groundskeeping staff; overseeing the operation of the Capitol
6 Visitors Parking Garage are Irene G. Arispe, Gladys Howard, Amanda
7 Remillard, and parking security Luke McNicholas and John Patrick
8 Wessels; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition to the commendable work of its Capitol
10 Complex employees, the State Preservation Board further serves the
11 public through its staff at the Bullock Texas State History Museum;
12 led by director Margaret Koch, the museum's administrative team
13 consists of Kate Betz, Javier Cavazos, Derek E. Lemons, and Kevin
14 Paris, and those employees handling communications, creative
15 services, external affairs, marketing, and membership are Emily
16 Morris, Anna Jane Riehl, Amanda Strittmatter, Gilbert Medina, Hunt
17 Wellborn, Leslie Adkins, and Daniel Rodriguez, with Lily Alpern and
18 Rachel Miller coordinating events, and Melissa Tamporello and Evan
19 Windham working in web and digital media; the museum's education
20 department consists of Shelby L. Barrera, Robin Davis, Angela
21 Kennedy, Kaitlin Lloyd-Leva, Rachel Manning, James McReynolds,
22 Janene Pearson, Leah Bush, Anna Maria Novoa, and Jessica Moriates,
23 and its exhibits staff is made up of Tony Beldock, Ed Bopp, Angela
24 Glasker, Elissa Graham, Mike Juen, Hannah Kemp, John L. Peel,
25 Stefan M. Ruff, Kathryn A. Siefker, and Thomas J. Wancho; and

26 WHEREAS, Visitor service representatives and coordinators
27 for the Bullock Museum include Kyle Albrecht, Joseph Almand,

1 Nicholas J. Byers, William Epperson, Kaitlin Kuan, Kellyn Lappinga,
2 Rosa Pedraza, Gloria Maria Ramirez, Patrick Sanderson, Craig
3 Simpson, Michael Strittmatter, Dorothy Walker, Eleria Patterson,
4 Brenna Veloz, Colleen Cawthon, Hilary Pearson, and Scotland
5 Washington, and the facility's famed IMAX theater is operated by
6 Shae Stanford, Joseph Kennemer, Steven Hays, Mathew Flowers, James
7 Jennings, and David Ripper; members of the museum's retail team
8 include Heidi P. Afkami, Michael Byers, Paula Dianne Talley,
9 Phillip Plyler, Melisa Geaslin, Kathryn Bohuslav, and Tayebah
10 Masomian, and its maintenance and housekeeping crew consists of
11 Eric Avery, Freddie E. Flores, William Rittenhouse, Oralia Bautista
12 De Martinez, and Silbestre Cantu; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to the Capitol Complex and the Bullock
14 State History Museum, the SPB oversees the operation of the Texas
15 State Cemetery, which benefits from the support of staffers William
16 Erwin, Carlos Galvan, Jose Cruz Hernandez Puente, Nathan Stephens,
17 and Daniel Sutherland; and

18 WHEREAS, Through their dedicated stewardship of a rich
19 legacy, the administrators and employees of the State Preservation
20 Board are rendering a vital service to the people of Texas and
21 introducing countless visitors to the remarkable story of the Lone
22 Star State; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
24 Legislature hereby commend the staff of the State Preservation
25 Board for their exemplary service; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for the State Preservation Board as an expression of high

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1 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.