RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Texas has lost many of its historic dance halls, but the Sulak family continues to welcome patrons to Tom Sefcik Hall in Seaton; and

WHEREAS, Although Seaton lost its post office in 1907, and its population has dwindled to around 40, Sefcik Hall is still a going concern, thanks to Alice Sefcik Sulak, who is likely the longest-serving female dance hall owner in the state, according to Texas Dance Hall Preservation; she is supported in her efforts by her son, Kenny, and his wife, Irene; and

WHEREAS, The two-story hall was built in 1923 by its namesake, Mrs. Sulak's father, and originally served as a general store; she was born in the house next door in 1931 and started helping out in the business at the age of 14, balancing the books and booking the bands, which were mostly Czech groups early on; a talented singer and musician, she has also performed at the venue; as a girl, she played bass drum and saxophone in her sister's band, Adela and the Music Masters, and she was later a member of Jerry Haisler and the Melody 5 for more than a half century; she began running the hall in 1970; and

WHEREAS, In 2019, Sefcik Hall was presented with the Texas Dance Hall Preservation Lifetime Achievement Award; Temple also recognized November 17 of that year as Alice Sefcik Sulak Day, and a flag was flown over the State Capitol in her honor; and

WHEREAS, Sefcik Hall, like other venues, closed its doors at
the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic; to the relief of its many
fans, it resumed operations in April 2021; and

WHEREAS, For nearly a century, Sefcik Hall has preserved the
dance hall tradition established in Texas by early Czech and German
settlers, and in so doing, it has garnered a loyal patronage as well
as the admiration and appreciation of people across the Lone Star
State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
Legislature hereby honor the members of the Sulak family for their
stewardship of Tom Sefcik Hall and extend to them sincere best
wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1800

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1800 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House