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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, William and Addie Garner, the founders of Mr. and  
2 Mrs. G's Home Cooking and Pastries in San Antonio, shared an  
3 enduring love story, and their family is celebrating the couple's  
4 legacy as they reflect on the recent passing of Mr. Garner on March  
5 1, 2021, at the age of 83, and on the passing of Mrs. Garner on  
6 September 11, 2017, at the age of 82; and

7           WHEREAS, William F. Garner Sr. was born in Hartselle,  
8 Alabama, on August 28, 1937, to Laura Orr and Willie Garner;  
9 answering his nation's call to duty, he served in the U.S. Air Force  
10 from 1958 to 1978; during his first marriage, to Geraldine Luckey,  
11 he became the proud father of three children, Deborah, William, and  
12 Vicky; and

13           WHEREAS, Born on June 7, 1935, in Inverness, Mississippi,  
14 Addie Beatrice Garner was the ninth of the 14 children of Blain  
15 Quinn and Addie B. Brownlee; she grew up in the Midwest and attended  
16 business college in Cleveland, Ohio; in 1960, she married Ewing  
17 Ford and became the proud mother of three sons, Darrell, LaTeese,  
18 and China; after her first marriage ended in 1976, she moved to San  
19 Antonio, where she worked for a time at Sears; and

20           WHEREAS, In 1986, William and Addie were married, and in July  
21 1990, the couple opened Mr. and Mrs. G's Home Cooking and Pastries  
22 on the East Side of San Antonio; the small restaurant quickly became  
23 a local landmark, featuring soul food specialties and Mrs. Garner's  
24 popular pastries; the couple cooked all the food themselves, and

1 they were welcoming hosts to everyone who entered their door; as the  
2 reputation of the restaurant grew, it won many Readers' Choice  
3 awards from the *San Antonio Express-News*, and it was regularly  
4 featured in local TV news broadcasts and in such publications as *USA*  
5 *Today* and the *San Antonio Business Journal*; and

6 WHEREAS, Both Mr. and Mrs. Garner were profoundly religious;  
7 Mr. Garner served as a pastor, and Mrs. Garner was a member of  
8 Greater Ball Tabernacle African Methodist Episcopal Church at the  
9 time of her passing; Mr. Garner was also an active member of the  
10 Rotary Club; the couple had the pleasure of seeing their blended  
11 family grow to include 13 grandchildren, Vicky, Michael, Zameika,  
12 Iyaesha, Tyreese, Yvonne, Crystal, William, Francis, Dimitria,  
13 Darryl, Tabyana, and Malik, 9 great-grandchildren, Dechele,  
14 Aaliyah, Aisha, Jer-Mykal, Cyvon, Cyvanna, Destiny, Leila, and  
15 Frances, and 2 great-great-grandchildren, Liana and Lilly; and

16 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to their family, their community,  
17 and their faith, William and Addie Garner set an inspiring example  
18 of lasting devotion to one another and selfless service to others,  
19 and they will forever hold a special place in the hearts of all who  
20 knew and loved them; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of William and Addie  
23 Garner and extend sincere condolences to their loved ones; and, be  
24 it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
26 prepared for their family and that when the Texas House of  
27 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William and

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1 Addie Garner.