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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Long before Europeans arrived in the Americas, the
2 ancestors of the Yanaguana Bands of Mission Indians of Texas
3 dwelled on the land that would become the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, A confederacy of allied bands and tribes, often
5 generally referred to as Coahuiltecan, the Yanaguana Bands of
6 Mission Indians of Texas includes members of numerous indigenous
7 nations, among them the Chajuan, Chaguane, Ervipiame, Inocoplo,
8 Pajalat, Pastia, Pamajuan, Pamaque, Payaguan, Piojo, Pinto,
9 Siajuan, Siaguan, Sijame, Xarame, Ziaguan, and Tlaxcalan Indians,
10 among others; and

11 WHEREAS, The ancestral homelands of these bands and tribes
12 once spanned modern-day Central Texas and areas in northern and
13 even central Mexico, including the states of Tamaulipas, Nuevo
14 Leon, Coahuila, Chihuahua, and Tlaxcala; their nomadic lifestyle
15 was transformed by the arrival of Spanish missionaries, who built
16 settlements to advance conversions to Christianity and who confined
17 indigenous languages, customs, and cultures in order to transition
18 the local population as "gente de razon," or "people of reason"; and

19 WHEREAS, Despite challenges and obstacles, members of this
20 proud heritage made their mark in numerous professions, from
21 vaqueros, or cowboys, to craftspeople, soldiers, and public
22 officials; sometimes secretly, they retained many of their
23 traditional ways, including ancient religious rituals, linguistic
24 elements, music, and unique cuisine that can serve both nutritional

1 and medicinal purposes; and

2 WHEREAS, The Yanaguana Bands of Mission Indians of Texas
3 played a distinctive part in the development of the Lone Star State,
4 and those who can claim this rich heritage may indeed take pride in
5 a remarkable record of resilience and achievement; now, therefore,
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
8 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor the history and
9 contributions of the Yanaguana Bands of Mission Indians of Texas
10 and encourage all Texans to learn more about this fascinating
11 legacy; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the Yanaguana Bands of Mission Indians of Texas as an
14 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.