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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Hardy Meredith was awarded the title of photographer  
2           emeritus at Stephen F. Austin State University in 2023, providing a  
3           fitting opportunity to pay tribute to his career that has spanned  
4           more than four decades; and

5           WHEREAS, A member of the SFA Class of 1981, Mr. Meredith  
6           started working at the university in 1996, and over the years, he  
7           served as a guest speaker, classroom lecturer, and judge at  
8           countless photography contests; his images have been published in  
9           five books highlighting the school and the Nacogdoches area; he  
10          retired from his alma mater in 2020; and

11          WHEREAS, During his time as a student at SFA, Mr. Meredith  
12          took pictures for *The Pine Log*, the school's student newspaper; he  
13          began his professional career at the *Tyler Morning Telegraph*, where  
14          he earned recognition as a sports action photographer and had work  
15          published by the Associated Press; he went on to serve as chief  
16          photographer at *The Daily Sentinel* for more than 14 years and  
17          continues to work for the paper; in addition, he won the Best of Cox  
18          Grand Awards on two occasions, and an art show featuring 50 of his  
19          best photographs was held at the Griffith Gallery; and

20          WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Meredith enjoys the love  
21          and support of a fine family that includes his wife of 34 years,  
22          Jeri, his three sons, and his six grandchildren; and

23          WHEREAS, For nearly 25 years, Hardy Meredith chronicled the  
24          people and activities of the SFA community, creating a rich and

1 compelling visual record of life in Nacogdoches, and he is indeed  
2 deserving of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
4 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Hardy  
5 Meredith on being named photographer emeritus at Stephen F. Austin  
6 State University and extend to him sincere best wishes for the  
7 future; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for Mr. Meredith as an expression of high regard by the  
10 Texas House of Representatives.