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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Galveston Historical Foundation is sponsoring

2 the 50th annual Dickens on the Strand event from December 1-3, 2023;

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WHEREAS, One of the state's most enduringly popular holiday

5 traditions, Dickens on the Strand was established to celebrate

6 Galveston's Victorian architecture, and it played a significant

7 role in the recognition of the Strand as a National Historic

8 Landmark; and

9 WHEREAS, The street festival appeals to a wide range of

10 visitors and area residents with its family programming and its

11 presentation of live entertainment on four stages; strolling

12 carolers, roving musicians, bagpipers, jugglers, and others in

13 Victorian garb help evoke the sights and sounds of Charles Dickens'

14 stories, most notably the beloved A Christmas Carol; this year,

15 children can explore a new addition, Tiny Tim's Play Land; among the

16 special offerings are a cricket match and play performances; and

WHEREAS, From rolling carts and street stalls, vendors peddle

18 food, drink, and a wide variety of wares, including holiday

19 decorations, Victorian-inspired crafts, clothing, jewelry, and

20 gift items; costumed revelers enjoy parades, contests, and even bed

21 races, as well as encounters with characters in 19th-century garb,

22 among them actors portraying Queen Victoria, Prince Albert, Father

23 Christmas, and Dickens himself; many descendants of Charles Dickens

24 will be in attendance; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, Dickens on the Strand has been a highlight of the
- 2 Galveston calendar for half a century, bringing the community
- 3 together and drawing people from across Texas and beyond, and it is
- 4 truly a pleasure to join in celebrating this significant milestone
- 5 in the history of the festival; now, therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
- 7 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate the 50th annual
- 8 Dickens on the Strand and extend sincere best wishes for continued
- 9 success to all those involved in the event.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 110 was adopted by the House on November 1, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House