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R E S O L U T I O N

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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4 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

17 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

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.