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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, July 5, 2025, marked the 10th anniversary of the
2 designation of the San Antonio Missions as a UNESCO World Heritage
3 Site; and

4 WHEREAS, Through its World Heritage program, UNESCO
5 recognizes important cultural sites around the globe and encourages
6 their preservation; since receiving the designation in 2015, the
7 collection of five historic missions in San Antonio has had the
8 distinction of being the first and only UNESCO World Heritage Site
9 in Texas as well as one of only 24 in the entire United States; and

10 WHEREAS, The San Antonio Missions site includes Mission
11 San Antonio de Valero, or the Alamo, Mission Concepción, Mission
12 San José, Mission San Juan, and Mission Espada; situated along a
13 stretch of the San Antonio River basin, these frontier mission
14 complexes encompass churches and other historic structures,
15 including residencies and granaries, as well as a ranch southeast
16 of San Antonio; and

17 WHEREAS, The complexes trace their history to the early 18th
18 century, when Franciscan missionaries led the effort to colonize,
19 evangelize, and defend the northern frontier of New Spain; the
20 missions included all the components required to establish
21 self-sustaining communities in what was then a remote part of
22 Spain's North American empire; in addition, the missions illustrate
23 the interweaving of the Spanish colonial and Indigenous cultures,
24 as illustrated by features such as the decorative elements of

1 churches, which combine Catholic symbols with nature-inspired
2 designs derived from the Native Americans who settled at the
3 complexes; and

4 WHEREAS, The San Antonio Missions reflect the rich cultural
5 heritage of the Lone Star State, and it is a pleasure to join in
6 honoring these historic landmarks on this special occasion; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
9 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the 10th
10 anniversary of the designation of the San Antonio Missions as a
11 UNESCO World Heritage Site and extend to all those affiliated with
12 the site sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the missions as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.