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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Locally owned businesses play an important role in
2 the culture and economy of Texas communities, and in July 2025,
3 Brownsville Coffee Shop No. 2 celebrated 50 years of serving area
4 residents; and

5 WHEREAS, Brownsville Coffee Shop No. 2 traces its origins to
6 1964, when founder Rafaela Manzano Alviar began selling homemade
7 Mexican cuisine out of a small building on Elizabeth Street; her
8 children soon joined her in the business, and she later opened
9 Brownsville Coffee Shop No. 1 on 13th Street before adding a second
10 location on International Boulevard in 1975; Ms. Alviar eventually
11 passed ownership of Brownsville Coffee Shop No. 2 to her daughter,
12 Jovita Alviar Chase, who had served the enterprise in a variety of
13 roles over the years; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, Ms. Chase continues to operate Brownsville
15 Coffee Shop No. 2, which in recent years has increased its seating
16 capacity to more than 90 guests; throughout its history, the
17 restaurant has enjoyed the loyalty of a devoted clientele with its
18 welcoming atmosphere and its extensive menu of Tex-Mex favorites;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Over the past half century, Brownsville Coffee Shop
21 No. 2 has become a beloved local institution, and it is a pleasure
22 to recognize the restaurant and the reputation for excellence that
23 it has achieved; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas

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1 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commemorate the 50th
2 anniversary of Brownsville Coffee Shop No. 2 and extend to all
3 those associated with the establishment sincere best wishes for
4 continued success; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for the restaurant as an expression of high regard by the
7 Texas House of Representatives.