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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Houston are paying homage to the work of  
2 an admired community leader with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the  
3 opening of the Rabbi Samuel Karff Memorial Bridge on  
4 February 8, 2025; and

5 WHEREAS, Located over Brays Bayou Greenway, the  
6 634-linear-foot bridge will connect area neighborhoods, parks, and  
7 green spaces; maintained by the Houston Parks Board, the \$3 million  
8 project will provide a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists; and

9 WHEREAS, The bridge is named in honor of the late Rabbi Samuel  
10 Karff, who served as the senior rabbi at Congregation Beth Israel,  
11 the oldest Jewish house of worship in Texas, from 1975 to 1999;  
12 dedicated to fostering understanding and unity, he often worked  
13 across communities and denominations to promote civil rights,  
14 social justice, and equality; and

15 WHEREAS, Through his leadership and civic engagement, Rabbi  
16 Samuel Karff helped to make his community a more equitable place for  
17 all, and the dedication of this bridge in his honor will serve as a  
18 lasting tribute to his inspiring legacy; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby commemorate the opening of the Rabbi Samuel  
21 Karff Memorial Bridge and commend all those involved for their  
22 efforts in bringing this project to fruition.