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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of Preservation Texas are gathering in
2 Austin on February 19, 2025, for Preservation Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1985, Preservation Texas is dedicated to
5 empowering Texans to protect their cultural heritage; the
6 organization is headquartered in San Marcos and maintains regional
7 offices in Tyler and El Paso; and

8 WHEREAS, Preservation Texas raises awareness of the state's
9 prehistory and history, fostering understanding of the lives of
10 those who came before us; it also engages in historical and
11 archaeological research and educates both professionals and the
12 general public on issues that impact preservation; and

13 WHEREAS, A steward of significant buildings, collections,
14 and cultural landscapes, PT maintains a number of important sites,
15 including the Bassett Farm in Falls and Limestone Counties; its
16 Texas Rural African-American Heritage Grants Program, made
17 possible through funding from the National Park Service, supports
18 the rehabilitation of historic African-American institutional
19 buildings in small towns; in Falls County, the organization
20 conducts hands-on work to conserve the Hopewell Freedom Colony,
21 which features an official Historic Texas Cemetery and extensive
22 archaeological resources; in addition, PT serves as fiscal sponsor
23 for the Dr. James Lee Dickey House reconstruction project in
24 Taylor, among others; and

1 WHEREAS, Since 2004, Preservation Texas has compiled its
2 signature Most Endangered Places list, which spotlights historic
3 places that are threatened by neglect, impending demolition,
4 inappropriate alteration, or a radical loss of context; the
5 attention garnered assists local advocates across the state, and
6 the organization also offers technical assistance and letters of
7 support; this endeavor has contributed to the survival of more than
8 90 percent of the nearly 200 sites listed; and

9 WHEREAS, Our state's cultural heritage is a source of
10 tremendous pride to all Texans, and over the course of four decades,
11 Preservation Texas has played a vital role in safeguarding this
12 legacy for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
14 Legislature hereby recognize February 19, 2025, as Preservation
15 Texas Day at the State Capitol and extend a warm welcome to the
16 visiting delegation; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Preservation Texas as an expression of high regard by
19 the Texas House of Representatives.