

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The H. E. Butt Foundation has made a positive  
2 difference in the lives of countless Texans through its many  
3 charitable endeavors; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1933 by Mary Holdsworth Butt and  
5 Howard Butt Sr., the H. E. Butt Foundation has long focused on  
6 improving literacy and mental health care, funding recreation and  
7 camps, hosting ecumenical Christian retreats, and partnering with  
8 other organizations that serve families and children; and

9 WHEREAS, Early on, Mrs. Holdsworth Butt addressed health and  
10 opportunity disparities, and from 1955 to 1981, she served on the  
11 Board for Texas State Hospitals and Special Schools in support of  
12 mental health work; the second generation of leadership under  
13 Howard Butt Jr., the founders' eldest son, continued to advocate  
14 for mental and spiritual wellness and focused on furthering the  
15 foundation's faith-centered programs; and

16 WHEREAS, The foundation is currently led by Mr. Butt's  
17 daughter and son-in-law, Deborah Butt Rogers, who serves as a  
18 trustee, and David Rogers, who serves as president and CEO; this  
19 third generation of leadership has carried on the tradition of  
20 youth and family development while expanding the foundation's scope  
21 and reach, developing new initiatives in Leakey and San Antonio,  
22 and investing in the environmental stewardship of the Frio River  
23 Canyon; and

24 WHEREAS, Located at the canyon is the 1,900-acre H. E. Butt

1 Foundation Camp, which hosts more than 15,000 people each year,  
2 with a special focus on serving youth and families who normally  
3 would not be able to participate in retreat opportunities; other  
4 foundation programs include the Outdoor School, which partners with  
5 San Antonio public schools to help teachers and students experience  
6 the outdoors, and the Laity Lodge in Leakey, which serves as a quiet  
7 refuge where guests can reflect, pray, and participate in the arts;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, For nearly a century, the H. E. Butt Foundation has  
10 helped young people and families in Texas cultivate their physical,  
11 mental, and spiritual wholeness, and all those associated with this  
12 esteemed organization may reflect with pride on their achievements;  
13 now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby honor the H. E. Butt Foundation for its  
16 outstanding service to the people of Texas; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 319

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 319 was adopted by the House on March 13, 2025, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House