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H.R. No. 319

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.