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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Book Festival is marking the 30th
2 anniversary of its founding in 2025, and this occasion provides a
3 fitting opportunity to recognize the organization for its
4 outstanding efforts to celebrate Texas authors, promote the joys of
5 reading, and support public libraries across the state; and

6 WHEREAS, Organized by Texas First Lady Laura Bush, a former
7 librarian, along with Mary Margaret Farabee and a group of
8 committed volunteers, this remarkable nonprofit was established in
9 1995, and it held its first festival in November of the following
10 year; in the decades since, the Texas Book Festival has become one
11 of the most prestigious and longest-running literary festivals in
12 the nation; drawing over 40,000 attendees each fall, the event
13 features more than 250 authors from around the world, and
14 festivities include a variety of author presentations and panels,
15 book signings, cooking demonstrations, and family-friendly
16 activities; also connected with the celebration are the First
17 Edition Literary Gala and the Lit Crawl afterparty; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to the annual festival, TBF runs several
19 year-round literary and literacy initiatives; its Reading Rock
20 Stars and Real Reads programs inspire the next generation of
21 readers and writers by bringing acclaimed authors and illustrators
22 to schools, and its Texas Library Grants award public libraries
23 funds to expand their collections; over the years, the organization
24 has donated more than 188,000 books to students in Title I schools

1 and over \$3.6 million to public libraries; and

2 WHEREAS, In the course of the past three decades, the Texas
3 Book Festival has made vital contributions to the rich cultural
4 tapestry of the Lone Star State, and the organization is indeed
5 worthy of recognition on this important milestone in its history;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate the Texas Book Festival on the
9 occasion of its 30th anniversary and extend to all those associated
10 with this noteworthy organization sincere best wishes for the
11 future; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the Texas Book Festival as an expression of high regard
14 by the Texas House of Representatives.