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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Locally owned businesses play an important role in
2 the economy and culture of Texas communities, and in 2025, the
3 Kapchinskie family is celebrating the 100th anniversary of Martin's
4 Place in Bryan; and

5 WHEREAS, One of the oldest family-run barbecue
6 establishments in the State of Texas, Martin's Place traces its
7 origins to 1925, when Martin Kapchinskie opened it as a travel stop
8 on a one-lane country road that connected the city of Bryan to Texas
9 A&M University; the store sold barbecue alongside groceries and
10 gas, and it operated out of a simple wooden structure throughout the
11 Great Depression; in 1939, its present-day building was constructed
12 out of red brick, and it includes an indoor kitchen, a dining space
13 with a tall bar, and a barbecue pit attached at the back; and

14 WHEREAS, Following the conclusion of World War II,
15 Mr. Kapchinskie was joined by his son, Albin, who had served as a
16 butcher in the U.S. Navy; Martin's Place subsequently added a meat
17 market in 1951, and Albin Kapchinskie went on to purchase the
18 business from his father four years later; and

19 WHEREAS, As Bryan and College Station grew, Martin's Place
20 attracted a devoted clientele from the surrounding community; many
21 of its longtime patrons frequented the establishment for daily pool
22 and domino games, and it also came to be a source of fond memories
23 for generations of Texas A&M students; its ownership was later
24 passed down to Albin Kapchinskie's son, Steve, who had cooked

1 barbecue alongside his father in his youth; and

2 WHEREAS, Martin's Place was recognized by the Texas
3 Historical Commission as an Official Texas Historical Landmark in
4 2005; today, its building, heirloom family recipes and techniques,
5 and circa-1939 barbecue pit continue to be preserved by Steve
6 Kapchinskie, who has operated the restaurant for five decades; and

7 WHEREAS, Over the past century, Martin's Place has won the
8 loyalty of countless area residents while contributing to the
9 prosperity of the local economy, attaining the status of a
10 treasured community institution; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
12 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of Martin's
13 Place and extend to all those associated with the business sincere
14 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the Kapchinskie family as an expression of high regard
17 by the Texas House of Representatives.