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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For nearly three decades, Taek and Nancy Kim have
2 been the owners of the Pulga de Alamo, one of the largest and
3 busiest flea markets in the Rio Grande Valley; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1996, Mr. and Mrs. Kim purchased the Pulga de
5 Alamo, which spanned 28 acres at the time, and its structures were
6 dated; over the years, they worked to expand the market to its
7 current size of more than 70 acres, and with its estimated 1,500
8 vendors, the shopping destination generates hundreds of jobs
9 annually; and

10 WHEREAS, The *pulga*, the Spanish word for "flea," has also
11 become a one-of-a-kind dance hall; on the weekends, its main floor,
12 known as El Domo, is filled with dancers in unique attire who draw
13 people in from near and far to see the spectacle; amassing hundreds
14 of thousands of followers on social media, the dancers and the
15 market alike are now a viral sensation; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Kim, who is an immigrant from South Korea, and
17 Mrs. Kim, who is Mexican American, both grew up in the Rio Grande
18 Valley, and as children they each frequented local flea markets to
19 sell various items; the couple owned the Mercedes Flea Market prior
20 to purchasing the Pulga de Alamo, and these lifelong experiences
21 have given them the vision to grow the *pulga* to where it is today;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Through their hard work and dedication, Taek and
24 Nancy Kim have transformed the Pulga de Alamo into a renowned center

1 for commerce and culture in the Rio Grande Valley, and they are
2 indeed deserving of recognition for all that they have achieved;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
5 hereby congratulate Taek and Nancy Kim on their 29 years as the
6 owners of the Pulga de Alamo and extend to them sincere best wishes
7 for continued success; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Kim as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas Senate.