HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The Lucchese Boot Company, whose fame as a maker of
- 2 exquisite, high-quality boots has spread far and wide, celebrated
- 3 its 125th anniversary in 2008; and
- WHEREAS, Established as the Lucchese Boot and Shoe Factory in
- 5 San Antonio in 1883, this venerable Texas firm was founded by Sam
- 6 Lucchese and his brothers, who immigrated to Texas from Italy three
- 7 years earlier; under Sam Lucchese's direction, the company acquired
- 8 an enduring reputation for quality craftsmanship; and
- 9 WHEREAS, During its first several decades, the Lucchese Boot
- 10 Company focused largely on supplying the needs of ranchers and
- 11 cavalrymen; the business began to develop a national reputation
- 12 after Sam Lucchese's son Cosimo assumed leadership of the company
- 13 and began providing boots for celebrities as well; Sam Lucchese,
- 14 Jr., grandson of the founder, subsequently put his own stamp on the
- 15 family business by designing a boot that further added to the
- 16 company's renown; and
- WHEREAS, Today, the Lucchese boot factory is located in El
- 18 Paso, where it produces a wide variety of styles for all occasions;
- 19 the company's skilled artisans have created boots for a
- 20 distinguished roster of clients, ranging from Gary Cooper, John
- 21 Wayne, and Gregory Peck to President Lyndon B. Johnson and Lady Bird
- 22 Johnson, and many other notable Texans; and
- WHEREAS, The members of the 81st Texas Legislature wish to
- 24 express their appreciation to Paul LaVoie, President and CEO of the

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- 1 Lucchese Boot Company, Doug Kindy, General Manager, and Fred King,
- 2 Director of Marketing, for their extraordinary service to the State
- 3 of Texas; and
- WHEREAS, A classic Texas success story, the Lucchese Boot
- 5 Company exemplifies a pride of craftsmanship that has won it
- 6 recognition across the country and secured it a proud place in the
- 7 western heritage of the Lone Star State; now, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
- 9 hereby congratulate Lucchese and commemorate the 125th anniversary
- 10 of the Lucchese Boot Company and extend to all those associated with
- 11 this outstanding enterprise sincere best wishes for continued
- 12 success; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 14 prepared for the company as an expression of high regard by the
- 15 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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Secretary of the Senate

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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