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6-9-05

RESOLUTION NO.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to begin the process of placing a plaque denoting the original site of the Armadillo World Headquarters, which was originally located at 525½ Barton Springs Road. The plaque is to be located adjacent to One Texas Center at 505 Barton Springs Road near the original site and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

Suggested language for the plaque is attached as Exhibit A.

ADOPTED: _____, 2005

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

On this spot and the surrounding property, once stood the Armadillo World Headquarters. Operating from 1970 through 1980 in an abandoned armory, the Armadillo is probably the most famous music club in Austin history. The armory was transformed by hard work and art. Over 500 posters were created to celebrate the events and the performing artists who played there. The founders and staff put on countless shows featuring an endless spectrum of music: blues, rock and roll, rhythm and blues, folk, soul, country, jazz, gospel and even ballet. There were local bands of all varieties and acts from around the nation and the world, including some pioneers from prior eras and musicians who have gone on to national stardom.

The music was only part of the show. The rest was the people of Austin who packed the 'Dillo night after night. The music, art and spirit of Austin flourished here—reflecting and symbolizing a generation as well as an era in Austin.

The Armadillo's last night was December 31, 1980. The building was torn down shortly thereafter to make way for what is today the One Texas Center building. The Armadillo has been gone for many years now, but the spirit lives on in today's Austin.

Remember the Armadillo.