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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The centennial of the Arlington Public Library
2 offers a welcome opportunity to recognize the institution's many
3 years of service to the community; and

4 WHEREAS, The library is celebrating the anniversary with a
5 series of events over a 10-week period in the fall of 2023,
6 including a gala on November 4 hosted by the Friends and Foundation
7 of the Arlington Public Library; and

8 WHEREAS, The Arlington Public Library was established on
9 March 23, 1923, when librarian Pearl Wade managed a book collection
10 from the Tarrant County Free Library; today, APL serves more than
11 1.5 million people each year at its seven branches, the East Library
12 and Recreation Center, Ron Wright Lake Arlington Branch Library,
13 Northeast Branch Library, Southeast Branch Library, Southwest
14 Branch Library, Woodland West Branch Library, and George W. Hawkes
15 Downtown Library, which opened in 2018; and

16 WHEREAS, Currently led by its director, Norma Zuniga, the
17 library provides local residents with access to hundreds of
18 thousands of books, audiobooks, e-books, DVDs, digital photo
19 collections, genealogy resources, and kits for parents and
20 teachers, as well as a variety of educational programs for children
21 and adults; and

22 WHEREAS, The Arlington Public Library has been a cherished
23 resource to generations of area residents, and it is a privilege to
24 join in celebrating the organization's rich history and the

1 exceptional work of the many staff members, volunteers, and
2 supporters who have sustained its mission over the past century;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
5 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commemorate the 100th
6 anniversary of the Arlington Public Library and extend to all those
7 associated with the library sincere best wishes for the future;
8 and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the library as an expression of high regard by the
11 Texas House of Representatives.