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H.R. No. 1270

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of Daniels Cross Elks Lodge No. 1578 in
2 Dallas are gathering on June 3, 2023, to celebrate the
3 organization's rededication in memory of Olious Donald Evans Sr.;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Part of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order
6 of Elks of the World, the largest predominantly Black fraternal
7 organization in the world, Daniels Cross Elks Lodge No. 1578 was
8 founded in 1967 with 25 inaugural members; named in honor of William
9 A. Daniels and John Cross, the organization works to promote the
10 principles of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity; its
11 many contributions to the Dallas area include providing annual
12 scholarships for deserving local students and offering outreach to
13 youth community centers, churches, organized sports, and
14 educational institutions; and

15 WHEREAS, The organization's new name, Daniels Cross Evans
16 Elks Lodge No. 1578, pays tribute to the legacy of a longtime member
17 of the lodge; after joining in 1968, O. D. Evans held a number of
18 leadership positions with the organization, including financial
19 secretary, grand esteemed loyal knight, grand esteemed lecturing
20 knight, and council trustee; moreover, he was elected exalted ruler
21 in 1996 and continued to serve in the role for more than two
22 decades; he was also state president of the Texas Elks State
23 Association from 1998 until his passing in 2021; and

24 WHEREAS, Over the years, the lodge's members have maintained

1 a proud tradition of service and fellowship, and it is a privilege
2 to join in recognizing the organization on this important milestone
3 in its history; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the rededication of Daniels Cross
6 Evans Elks Lodge No. 1578 in Dallas and extend to its members
7 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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