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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On June 27, 2004, the Tawakoni Area Public Library
2 is marking 20 years of outstanding service to the community; and

3 WHEREAS, The institution traces its roots to a group of 13
4 dedicated citizens who initially met on October 21, 1982, to choose
5 a governing board and begin planning for a library to be situated on
6 land donated by J. W. Lancaster; and

7 WHEREAS, Fund-raising efforts netted \$575 with which to begin
8 construction of the modest 320-square-foot edifice, whose space was
9 later doubled; a community "barn raising" event resulted in the
10 completion of the building in 1983, and in June 1984 the state's
11 smallest library opened for business, with Jack Haydon in place as
12 librarian; and

13 WHEREAS, An unqualified success from its inception, the
14 Tawakoni Area Public Library was visited by 1,559 individuals
15 during its first six months of operation, with 526 patrons
16 registering for library cards and checking out 2,714 of 3,325 books
17 available; and

18 WHEREAS, Events ranging from white elephant sales to a circus
19 featuring live elephants have provided funding for the library,
20 which moved in the mid-1990s to a 1,200-square-foot former medical
21 office; public-spirited volunteers from West Tawakoni, East
22 Tawakoni, and Quinlan remain unwavering in their support, and plans
23 are under way to expand to 4,200 square feet of space; and

24 WHEREAS, Since 1984, the Tawakoni Area Public Library has

1 provided a much-needed service to the citizens of North Texas, and
2 it is a pleasure to join in honoring this highly regarded
3 institution on the 20th anniversary of its founding; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate all those
7 associated with the Tawakoni Area Public Library on its 20th
8 anniversary and extend to them best wishes for continued success;
9 and, be it further

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