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R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Members of San Jacinto Lodge #106 will celebrate
2 their organization's sesquicentennial on April 5, 2003, and this
3 historic event offers a fitting opportunity to pay tribute to this
4 venerable organization; and

5   WHEREAS, Chartered on January 1, 1853, San Jacinto Lodge #106
6 was originally located in Danville but relocated to Willis in 1872;
7 the lodge's first worshipful master was Thomas Carothers, and the
8 positions of senior warden and junior warden were held respectively
9 by B. B. Stansell and John T. Johnson; and

10   WHEREAS, Destroyed by storm in February 1882 and by fire in
11 June 1882 and May 1919, Lodge #106 has suffered through its share of
12 catastrophes yet remains a pillar of the community; the current
13 building was dedicated in March 1956 and continues to stand proud as
14 a testament to the members' tenacity and dedication; and

15   WHEREAS, Today with 160 members, the lodge aids area families
16 by helping to provide clothing and school supplies for children and
17 by supporting children's health care in local hospitals and
18 clinics; in addition, scholarships are given to local high school
19 graduates who need financial assistance to pursue their dreams of
20 higher education; and

21   WHEREAS, To commemorate the 150th anniversary celebration of
22 San Jacinto Lodge #106, M. Boyd Patterson, Grand Master of Masons in
23 Texas, will present the keynote address at this event, and his
24 presence underscores the importance of this noteworthy milestone;

1 now, therefore, be it

2   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

3 Legislature hereby recognize the sesquicentennial of San Jacinto

4 Lodge #106 and extend best wishes to Worshipful Master Amos W.

5 Oughton, Senior Warden Thomas Willis, Junior Warden Robert Brabham,

6 and the other members of the lodge; and, be it further

7   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

8 prepared for the members of San Jacinto Lodge #106 as an expression

9 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.