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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Since 1949, Camp Ozark has provided generations of  
2 young people with a fun and challenging summer camp experience; and

3           WHEREAS, A Christian sports camp, the facility is located in  
4 Mt. Ida, Arkansas, and serves children ages 7-17, most of whom are  
5 from Texas; Sam and Susan Torn of Houston acquired Camp Ozark in  
6 1985, and since that time the couple have expanded the camp from 375  
7 campers each summer to more than 2,500 campers; and

8           WHEREAS, This special summer camp instills a sense of  
9 adventure and independence in young people by challenging them  
10 physically, mentally, and spiritually; camp counselors serve an  
11 important function by acting as role models for youngsters,  
12 encouraging them in their personal growth, and helping them develop  
13 confidence, self-respect, responsibility, moral and spiritual  
14 values, and a strong sense of personal identity; and

15           WHEREAS, "First Is Third" is the theme of Camp Ozark's  
16 spiritual emphasis; the Torns and their staff believe that in order  
17 to "win" in our lives, one must place God first, others second, and  
18 ourselves third; by placing ourselves third, by being "F.I.T.," we  
19 actually come in first in the "game of life"; and

20           WHEREAS, These lessons, once learned, provide the framework  
21 for a happy and fulfilling life, and the impact of a positive summer  
22 camp experience can influence an individual well into adulthood;  
23 now, therefore, be it

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

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1 Legislature hereby commend Sam and Susan Torn and all those  
2 associated with Camp Ozark for helping to encourage and inspire  
3 generations of Texas youth; and, be it further

4         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for Camp Ozark as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
6 House of Representatives.