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H.R. No. 368

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of Post Oak Island Lodge No. 181, AF&AM, in
2 Beaukiss are gathering on May 6, 2006, to celebrate the 150th
3 anniversary of their organization's founding; and

4 WHEREAS, The rich history of the lodge began with the
5 adoption of its charter on January 24, 1856, when the town of Post
6 Oak Island was one of a few burgeoning communities in Williamson
7 County; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1878, the organization moved its headquarters to
9 Sam Smith Springs, and it was there that the tradition began of
10 using the lodge not only as a meeting place for the Masons, but as a
11 public venue for the members of the community; town meetings were
12 held in the facility, and the first floor of the building housed a
13 school, which by 1898 had reached an enrollment of 92 students; and

14 WHEREAS, The present lodge was erected in Beaukiss in 1900,
15 and members hosted their first meeting there on June 24, 1901;
16 during the first half of the century, the facility served as the hub
17 of the small community, accommodating the Masons as well as a
18 general store and a post office; and

19 WHEREAS, One of only two buildings remaining in Beaukiss
20 today, the lodge continues to welcome its members for monthly
21 meetings, carrying on an important tradition of service that has
22 remained a constant in the lives of many Central Texans since its
23 founding; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

1 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate the members of
2 Post Oak Island Lodge No. 181, AF&AM, on the 150th anniversary of
3 the founding of their organization and extend to them warmest best
4 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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