

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives is proud to honor  
2 Rotary International, the world's first service club, on the 100th  
3 anniversary of its founding; and

4           WHEREAS, Rotary began on February 23, 1905, when Paul P.  
5 Harris invited three friends to a meeting in downtown Chicago in an  
6 effort to enjoy camaraderie and to enlarge their circle of business  
7 and professional acquaintances; and

8           WHEREAS, Rotary's popularity soon spread throughout the  
9 United States and came to Texas in 1912, when the Rotary Club of  
10 Dallas was chartered in April of that year and was soon followed by  
11 clubs in San Antonio, Houston, Austin, Beaumont, Galveston, Waco,  
12 and Fort Worth; and

13           WHEREAS, With its motto, "Service Above Self," Rotary has  
14 expanded its mission beyond serving the professional and social  
15 interest of its club members to contributing their talents to help  
16 communities in need; and

17           WHEREAS, During and after World War II, Rotary became  
18 increasingly involved in promoting international understanding and  
19 has, for the last 60 years, actively participated in United Nations  
20 conferences and helped in creating the United Nations Educational,  
21 Scientific and Cultural Organizations, and, through the efforts of  
22 The Rotary Foundation, an endowment fund set up "for doing good in  
23 the world," more than \$80 million annually supports a wide range of  
24 humanitarian grants and educational programs that bring hope and

1 promote international understanding throughout the world; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1985 Rotary made a historic commitment to  
3 immunize all of the world's children against polio and, by working  
4 with nongovernmental organizations and national governments  
5 through its PolioPlus program, Rotary International volunteers  
6 have immunized more than one billion children worldwide; and

7 WHEREAS, Rotary International has, once again, expanded its  
8 service effort to address the pressing issues of the 21st century:  
9 environmental degradation, illiteracy, world hunger and at-risk  
10 children; and

11 WHEREAS, Rotary clubs of Texas make up 10 districts, each led  
12 by a district governor, including Rick Akins of District 5520;  
13 Charles Cotten of District 5730; Tom Sheriff of District 5790;  
14 Gilbert Brown of District 5810; Benjamin Agnor of District 5830;  
15 John Peterson of District 5840; Gene Davenport of District 5870;  
16 D'Lisa Simmons of District 5890; Emken Linton of District 5910; and  
17 George Dawson of District 5930; and

18 WHEREAS, The Capitol of Texas Rotary Club, which meets weekly  
19 at the Capitol and is the only Rotary club in the world meeting in a  
20 State Capitol, continues to unite leaders and conduct service for  
21 central Austin under the current club president, Benjamin Ford;  
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby recognizes Rotary International's 100th  
25 anniversary and extends congratulations to the more than 1.2  
26 million Rotarians in 166 countries; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for each of the 10 Rotary District Governors in Texas as an  
2 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Hunter  
Frost  
Hill  
Hughes  
Smith of Tarrant

Eissler  
Harper-Brown  
Howard  
Paxton  
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Craddick	Geren	Menendez
Allen of Harris	Giddings	Merritt
Allen of Dallas	Gonzales	Miller
Alonzo	Gonzalez Toureilles	Moreno of Harris
Anchia	Goodman	Moreno of El Paso
Anderson	Goolsby	Morrison
Bailey	Griggs	Mowery
Baxter	Grusendorf	Naishtat
Berman	Guillen	Nixon
Blake	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hamric	Olivo
Branch	Hardcastle	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Paxton
Burnam	Hegar	Pena
Callegari	Herrero	Phillips
Campbell	Hilderbran	Pickett
Casteel	Hill	Pitts
Castro	Hochberg	Puente
Chavez	Hodge	Quintanilla
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Coleman	Hope	Reyna
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Ritter
Corte	Hughes	Rodriguez
Crabb	Hunter	Rose
Crownover	Hupp	Seaman
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	Jackson	Smith of Harris
Dawson	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Denny	Keel	Solomons
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Strama
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Straus
Dukes	King of Parker	Swinford
Dunnam	King of Zavala	Talton
Dutton	Kolkhorst	Taylor
Edwards	Krusee	Thompson
Eiland	Kuempel	Truitt
Eissler	Laney	Turner
Elkins	Laubenberg	Uresti
Escobar	Leibowitz	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Luna	Veasey
Farrar	Madden	Villarreal
Flores	Martinez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez Fischer	West
Frost	McCall	Wong
Gallego	McClendon	Woolley
Gattis	McReynolds	Zedler

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 452 was adopted by the House on  
February 22, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House