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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, 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 world wide; 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 ten 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 ten Rotary District Governors in Texas as
2 an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.