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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, February 23, 2005, marked the 100th anniversary of
2 Rotary International, and this momentous milestone provides a
3 fitting opportunity to recognize that outstanding organization as
4 well as one of its exemplary chapters, the Del Rio Rotary Club; and

5 WHEREAS, Rotary International was founded in 1905 by Chicago
6 attorney Paul Harris in an effort to provide professionals with
7 opportunities for service projects and fellowship; since that
8 important date, the organization has thrived and today boasts more
9 than 30,000 clubs throughout the world, each greatly contributing
10 to the community it serves; and

11 WHEREAS, In observance of its parent organization's
12 anniversary, the Del Rio Rotary Club initiated a host of centennial
13 projects of benefit to the community, including Rotary Park,
14 complete with picnic areas, a pavilion and soccer field, and a
15 playground, as well as the donation and planting of trees in Moore
16 Park and at Lake Amistad; moreover, the group's members were
17 honored with a proclamation from Del Rio Mayor Dora G. Alcala; and

18 WHEREAS, Since its inception in November 1922, the Del Rio
19 Rotary Club has made a positive difference in the lives of countless
20 area citizens; best known for its scholarships, which endow 12 to 15
21 deserving college students with approximately \$10,000 annually,
22 the Del Rio organization sponsors the youth clubs Rotaract and
23 Interact, orchestrates youth study exchanges with Rotary clubs
24 abroad, coordinates blood and organ donation drives, and hosts

1 literacy and drug abuse awareness programs; in addition, the club's
2 annual vocational awards recognize outstanding achievements in the
3 business and service industries, and with federal assistance, the
4 chapter built and manages a 53-unit apartment complex for
5 income-disadvantaged residents; and

6 WHEREAS, For 100 years, Rotarians worldwide have helped
7 promote health, literacy, peace, and understanding, and it is
8 indeed a pleasure to join the Del Rio Rotary Club in celebrating a
9 century of "Service Above Self"; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Rotary International on the
12 occasion of its 100th anniversary and recognize the Del Rio Rotary
13 Club for its many good works; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the Del Rio club as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.