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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Dallas celebrated the centennial
2 anniversary of Munger Place Historic District on the occasion of
3 the annual home tour on April 23 and 24, 2005; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded by cotton gin manufacturer Robert S. Munger
5 and his brother, Collett, in 1905, Munger Place was created as a
6 carefully planned suburb just minutes from downtown Dallas by
7 carriage ride; it was the first deed-restricted neighborhood in
8 Texas, and the homes were required to have two stories and cost at
9 least \$2,000; many of the city's leading businessmen and social
10 elite soon settled in the district, which boasted an excellent
11 infrastructure with paved streets and electric street lights; and

12 WHEREAS, By mid-century, many of the stately homes in Munger
13 Place were in disrepair after a general decline in the
14 neighborhood, which began during the Great Depression; in the
15 mid-1970s, a group of pioneering urban dwellers reclaimed the area
16 and began to restore the neglected properties; artists were
17 especially attracted to the 12-foot ceilings, wide-open entry
18 halls, and light-friendly windows that graced many of the homes;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, With its determined new residents, the neighborhood
21 experienced a rebirth and was eventually recognized by the U.S.
22 National Register of Historic Places; today, with more than 250
23 households, the area represents the largest collection of
24 Prairie-style homes in the country; and

1 WHEREAS, Nestled on the edge of downtown Dallas, Munger Place
2 is truly a historical oasis; its residents have lovingly restored
3 their homes with an eye to the past and a mind to the future, and it
4 is a privilege to recognize their accomplishments on this special
5 occasion; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor the 100th anniversary of Munger Place and
8 extend to all involved best wishes for the future.