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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Karl Young Park Renovation Project in Houston
2 was recently completed, and area residents are commemorating this
3 noteworthy achievement on June 8, 2005, with a celebratory picnic;
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5 WHEREAS, Established on April 14, 1954, to honor Karl Young,
6 who spent his life helping young people and who died in 1936, this
7 beloved park has benefited from the contributions of numerous
8 individuals and organizations who have raised funds and volunteered
9 time and energy toward completing the two phases of the renovation
10 project; and

11 WHEREAS, Phase I, which was completed in June 2000, was made
12 possible by the generosity of individuals and corporate donors, as
13 well as the support of private foundations, the Braeswood Place
14 Homeowners Association, and the City of Houston, which together
15 raised more than \$350,000 to procure and install new park
16 equipment; and

17 WHEREAS, With the completion of Phase II in May 2005, the
18 total value of the park project, including in-kind donations,
19 reached approximately \$500,000; supporters of the project employed
20 a number of unique and effective fund-raising techniques, while
21 several area organizations, such as Kids Who Care, the Braeswood
22 Place Garden Club, and Boy Scout Troop 1190, helped beautify the
23 park by planting flowers and ground cover and refurbishing the
24 park's picnic tables; and

1 WHEREAS, Many people are responsible for this project,
2 including two of Karl Young's family members, Louise Young and
3 Arlin Peltier; others making notable contributions include Karl
4 Young Park Committee members Lisa Robinson, Cathy Hawley, Paul and
5 Amelia Gillespie, Leanne DePuey, Ann Radtke, Sarah Baker, and Judy
6 Siverson, Sheila Condon of Clark Condon Associates, and Houston
7 Parks Board staff members Candyce Rylander, Roksan Okan-Vick, Trent
8 Rondot, Shirley Taylor, Deborah Rule, and Georgette Therault; and

9 WHEREAS, Working toward the achievement of a common goal is
10 an indicator of community unity and civic pride, and this
11 impressive display of public-spiritedness will benefit area
12 residents for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
14 Legislature hereby commemorate the completion of the Karl Young
15 Park Renovation Project and commend the many individuals who have
16 contributed to the realization of this important endeavor.