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H.C.R. No. 77

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, In 2007, Firstmark Credit Union is celebrating 75  
2 years of operation in the San Antonio community as a member-owned,  
3 locally controlled, not-for-profit financial cooperative; and

4           WHEREAS, The organization was originally chartered in 1932 as  
5 the San Antonio Teachers Credit Union, making it the oldest  
6 state-chartered credit union in San Antonio; and

7           WHEREAS, Since opening its first branch on Southwest Military  
8 Drive in 1986, the credit union has continued to grow, opening its  
9 ninth branch in 2007; today, it is the fourth largest credit union  
10 in San Antonio, with more than \$595 million in assets, 89,000  
11 members, and 256 employees serving those who live, work, worship,  
12 or attend school in Bexar County, as well as education-related  
13 employees and their families residing in Bexar County and 12  
14 surrounding counties; and

15           WHEREAS, Employees of Firstmark Credit Union have made a  
16 positive difference in their community by volunteering with many  
17 charitable organizations, including Big Brothers Big Sisters of  
18 South Texas, Boysville, Inc., SAPD Blue Santa Program, YMCA, San  
19 Antonio Youth Centers, Inc., March of Dimes, American Cancer  
20 Society, Inc., and several local chambers of commerce and PTAs; in  
21 addition, their Credit Unions For Kids program has raised \$609,622  
22 since 1987 for CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Children's Hospital; and

23           WHEREAS, Firstmark Credit Union benefits greatly from the  
24 leadership of president and CEO Leon Ewing, who recently celebrated

1 25 years with the organization, 22 of those as president, and it is  
2 appropriate to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Ewing and  
3 all associated with Firstmark Credit Union on its diamond  
4 anniversary; now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
6 hereby recognize Firstmark Credit Union in San Antonio on its 75  
7 years of operation and extend to all associated with the credit  
8 union best wishes for the future; and, be it further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for the Firstmark Credit Union as an expression of high  
11 regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.