

By: Cook of Colorado

H.R. No. 191

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lyons Lodge No. 195, Ancient Free and Accepted
2 Masons (A.F. & A.M.), is celebrating its 150th anniversary on
3 February 10, 2007, and this momentous event is testament to the
4 long-standing commitment and dedication of those individuals who
5 have served this noteworthy group; and

6 WHEREAS, Chartered on January 22, 1857, the lodge held its
7 first meeting on a farm in the Fayette County settlement of Lyons;
8 construction began on an assembly hall in September 1860 and was
9 completed by March 1861, providing lodge members with an official
10 gathering place and the community with a school and church
11 building; and

12 WHEREAS, The end of the Civil War brought with it the end of
13 Lyons as a separate town; the lodge moved to neighboring High Hill,
14 where members met until 1874, when their Lyons structure was
15 relocated to fledgling Schulenburg and renamed the Schulenburg
16 Schoolhouse and the American School; and

17 WHEREAS, 1876 was an eventful year for the lodge, seeing both
18 the organization of The Schulenburg School and Lodge Association
19 and the construction of a new and larger building to serve as a
20 meeting place and educational facility; it served the students of
21 Schulenburg until the establishment of a public school system in
22 1900; and

23 WHEREAS, By the 1980s, lodge members had reached an agreement
24 that the 1876 structure had well fulfilled its purpose and plans to

1 build a new facility began; through hard work and determination,
2 members raised funds for a new 2,571-square-foot meeting place,
3 which was dedicated in August 1986 with the leveling of its granite
4 cornerstone; and

5 WHEREAS, For 150 years, Lyons Lodge No. 195, A.F. & A.M., has
6 played an important role in the lives of Fayette County residents,
7 and its current members may reflect with great pride on the rich
8 history of their organization; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
10 Legislature hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of Lyons Lodge
11 No. 195, A.F. & A.M., and extend to its members best wishes for the
12 future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Lyons Lodge No. 195, A.F. & A.M., as an expression of
15 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.