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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Canton Lions Club is celebrating its 75th
2 anniversary on March 2, 2007, a notable milestone in the history of
3 this noteworthy organization; and

4 WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Lions Club of Van, the Canton Lions
5 Club was organized on February 26, 1932, and received its charter on
6 March 2; twenty charter members began meeting each Friday evening
7 at the Dixie Hotel, and they soon installed A. O. Loughmiller as
8 president, W. R. Swanzy as 1st vice president, and W. E. West as
9 secretary/treasurer; and

10 WHEREAS, Other charter members of the club included C. W.
11 Ashworth, H. F. Blackwell, Jr., Shade Conner, A. A. Dawson, J. H.
12 Gilmer, Cliff Hail, B. D. High, Dr. H. H. Hilliard, Dr. T. R.
13 Keahey, H. F. McPhail, G. T. Nolen, C. F. Riley, D. T. Riley, L. L.
14 Sartin, P. H. Stanford, G. W. Tull, and George L. Yates; and

15 WHEREAS, After changing its weekly meeting locale to Wards
16 Cafe in the 1980s, the club eventually settled at the Van Zandt
17 Country Club, where members continue to meet each Wednesday at
18 noon; although the meeting locations have changed throughout the
19 years, the club's commitment to serving its community remains
20 unchanged; and

21 WHEREAS, Throughout its long history, the Canton Lions Club
22 has endeavored to play an important role in uplifting the lives of
23 area residents by raising funds for and creating awareness of local
24 and worldwide initiatives, most notably Lions Clubs

1 International's extraordinary service to the blind and visually
2 impaired, and under the leadership of current president Andy Reese,
3 the Canton Lions Club will undoubtedly continue the group's
4 impressive record of achievement; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the Canton Lions Club on its 75th
7 anniversary and commend the Lions Club members for their
8 outstanding civic contributions; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the Canton Lions Club as an expression of high regard
11 by the Texas House of Representatives.