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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2007 marks the 100th anniversary of the
2 R. B. Levy Chapter 1070 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy
3 (UDC), Longview, Texas, and this historic milestone provides a
4 fitting opportunity to recognize this enduring group and its
5 dedicated members; and

6 WHEREAS, This distinguished organization was chartered in
7 1905 as the Gregg County Daughters of the Confederacy; in April
8 1907, the chapter became a member of the General Organization and
9 chose the Levy name in honor of R. B. Levy, a native of
10 Massachusetts, who served in the Signal Corps during the War
11 Between the States and later served as the first Gregg County
12 District Clerk; and

13 WHEREAS, The first chapter president was Mrs. J. K. Bivins,
14 who served 44 years, including two years as president of the Texas
15 Division from 1925 to 1927; the chapter also provided another
16 division president, Ms. Frances Edwards from 1983 to 1985, and
17 hosted the 1917 state convention; and

18 WHEREAS, A valuable part of the 3,000-member state UDC, the
19 chapter has performed many altruistic deeds during its century of
20 existence; in 1910, the chapter raised the necessary funds to erect
21 a Confederate Monument on the Gregg County Courthouse lawn; in
22 2000, the chapter and community bonded together to restore the
23 monument and the World War II Memorial Bust, and at the dedication
24 ceremony, descendents of R. B. Levy and Mrs. Bivins were in

1 attendance; and

2 WHEREAS, Through the years, the chapter has awarded annual
3 scholarships to local and state students, bestowed service medals
4 on veterans of all wars, researched and recorded multicounty and
5 state cemeteries, preserved original flags, donated time and goods
6 to schools, churches, museums, libraries, hospitals, and
7 genealogical and community service organizations; and

8 WHEREAS, In addition to visiting the State Capitol, the R. B.
9 Levy Chapter plans to celebrate its centennial with an open house
10 and tour of the recently restored J. K. Bivins Historical Home with
11 the Texas Division president and the president general in
12 attendance; and

13 WHEREAS, This notable group is dedicated to collecting and
14 preserving material for a history of the War Between the States for
15 future generations and the state is indeed indebted to the
16 founding, past, and present members of the chapter for their
17 diligence in this work; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
19 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the R. B.
20 Levy Chapter 1070 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Texas
21 Division, and extend to its members best wishes for a memorable
22 observance.