

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Lyons Lodge 195, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, on the historic occasion of the 150th anniversary of its founding; and

WHEREAS, Lyons Lodge 195 originated in the community of Lyons, located one mile south of present-day Schulenburg; a charter for the lodge was obtained on January 22, 1857, and the first meeting took place in a Lyons farmhouse; a lodge hall was built in 1861; and

WHEREAS, Many of the residents of Lyons moved following the Civil War to the thriving community of High Hill, four miles north of Lyons; by 1869, meetings were held in High Hill; when the Galveston-Houston railway line moved west, the town of Schulenburg was established in 1873; and

WHEREAS, Members of the lodge moved their building from Lyons to Schulenburg in 1874; the building also served as Schulenburg Public School until 1900; a new lodge hall constructed in 1876 served its members for over 100 years; a new building was erected in 1986; and

WHEREAS, On February 10, 2007, members of Lyons Lodge are gathering to celebrate their achievements, observe the lodge's sesquicentennial, and witness the unveiling of a Texas State Historical Commission marker in front of their Masonic Hall; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby congratulate members of Lyons Lodge 195 on the occasion of the organization's 150th anniversary and the unveiling of its Texas State Historical Commission marker; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of Lyons Lodge as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 22, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate