

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 537

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Lewisville Masonic Lodge 201 on the grand occasion of its 150th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Lewisville was established in 1853, and three years later, in 1856, a charter was issued by the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas for the John B. Denton Lodge 201; the lodge was named in honor of the eloquent pioneer preacher and lawyer, John B. Denton, who was known as a dynamic speaker and leader in Northeast Texas and who was killed in an Indian battle in 1841; and

WHEREAS, The membership of the lodge included many of the founding fathers and early settlers in the Flower Mound and Lewisville area; members of the lodge participated in local and state government throughout the 1800s and 1900s and continue to serve in city government today; and

WHEREAS, In 1871, members of the lodge erected a building for lodge meetings that was also used for the first school in the Lewisville area; in 1890, the name of the John B. Denton Lodge was changed to the Lewisville Lodge 201; and

WHEREAS, The local Masonic tradition of encouraging and supporting the education of the children of Texas endures today; the lodge sponsored the Race for the Children 5K Run in 2005 and in 2006 and is planning the third annual race in September of 2007; the proceeds raised from this event are donated to the Lewisville Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, The Lewisville Masonic Lodge 201 is noted for its superior service to the community and the generosity its members have exhibited by donating their time and energy to civic and charitable endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby congratulate the members of Lewisville Masonic Lodge 201 on the occasion of its 150th anniversary and extend best wishes to all for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the organization as a memento of this special day.

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 21, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate