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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The member clubs of Rotary District 5830 2 gathering in Paris, Texas, on May 15 and 16, 2009, for the district's annual conference, and this occasion provides a fitting 3 opportunity to honor the many beneficial initiatives of Rotary 4 5 International and the admirable individuals who make up this regional organization; and 6 7 WHEREAS, Rotary International was founded in 1905 in Chicago and has become one of the world's largest nonprofit service groups, 8 with some 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs around the globe; and

9 WHEREAS, Upholding the motto "Service Above Self," Rotary 10 11 members have undertaken numerous endeavors to help others; they 12 place a special emphasis on assisting people in developing countries by sponsoring medical, educational, and clean water 13 14 projects and have been very active in efforts to eradicate polio; moreover, Rotary Clubs promote understanding by offering 15

16 international scholarships, exchange programs, and humanitarian

17 grants; and

18 WHEREAS, Rotary District 5830 is composed of 45 clubs that are located in the Piney Woods region of Northeast Texas as well as 19 20 in adjacent counties in Oklahoma and Arkansas; these groups have 21 had notable success in carrying forth the Rotary mission, and their many accomplishments will be celebrated as part of the district 22 23 conference; and

WHEREAS, The annual gathering also includes a range of other 24

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- 1 enjoyable and inspiring events; legendary football coach Gene
- 2 Stallings is speaking at the kickoff lunch, Group Study Exchange
- 3 teams from Australia and Finland will make presentations, and
- 4 attendees will have numerous opportunities to socialize and take
- 5 part in benefit activities to support Rotary projects; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Through their generosity and dedication, the
- 7 members of Rotary District 5830 are striving to make the world a
- 8 better place, and they may take justifiable pride in their many
- 9 positive achievements; now, therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
- 11 hereby commemorate the Rotary District 5830 Conference and extend
- 12 to the participants sincere best wishes for a productive gathering;
- 13 and, be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 15 prepared for Rotary District 5830 as an expression of high regard by
- 16 the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.