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H.R. No. 611

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2009 marks the 100th anniversary of Texas
2 PTA, and this momentous occasion provides a welcome opportunity to
3 honor the organization for its myriad efforts in behalf of
4 children, families, and schools; and

5 WHEREAS, Texas PTA has served Texas parents, students, school
6 administrators, and teachers since its inception on October 19,
7 1909; today, more than 600,000 members are involved in the
8 organization, which includes nearly 3,000 local PTAs across the
9 state; and

10 WHEREAS, Ella Caruthers Porter formed the first mother's club
11 in 1896 in Hillsboro and went on to establish a Texas branch of the
12 National Congress of Mothers in 1909 at the State Fair of Texas in
13 Dallas; early on, members of Texas PTA worked to raise awareness
14 about the conditions affecting children's lives through a variety
15 of educational campaigns; in addition, they advocated for the
16 establishment of kindergartens and the creation of a child welfare
17 commission, and they urged laws promoting the health of public
18 school students; and

19 WHEREAS, From its humble beginnings a century ago, Texas PTA
20 has become a champion for the education and well-being of every
21 child and a vital resource for families and communities, and the
22 state is indeed a better place for the tireless contributions of its
23 many members; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of Texas PTA
2 and commend its members, both past and present, for their work to
3 ensure the quality of education for the children of Texas; and, be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Texas PTA as an expression of high regard by the Texas
7 House of Representatives.