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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of League City are marking the centennial
2 of the Butler Building, the oldest brick structure on the mainland
3 of Galveston County; and

4 WHEREAS, Completed in 1909, the Butler Building was
5 constructed by George Washington Butler, who came to the area with
6 his pioneer family as a child in the mid-19th century; after the
7 Civil War, Mr. Butler became a prominent cattleman, and went on to
8 serve as Galveston County commissioner and as postmaster for the
9 community first known as Butler's Ranch or Clear Creek; in
10 addition, Mr. Butler built the first school, housed in a log cabin,
11 and was instrumental in the development of the bridge that joined
12 Galveston with the mainland; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Butler convinced Galveston financier John
14 League to buy land near the Butler home and plat streets for the
15 town that would be renamed League City; Mr. Butler also worked to
16 bring a bank to the community, promising the Galveston firm of
17 Hutchins and Sealy that he would construct a first-class facility;
18 designed by architect Andrew Dow, the L-shaped Butler Building
19 initially housed the Citizen's State Bank, a drug store, a hardware
20 store, and professional offices; and

21 WHEREAS, In later years, the Butler Building fell into
22 disrepair, until it was purchased and renovated by a local
23 architect; today, the elegant building again houses professional
24 offices, as well as Butler's Courtyard, an award-winning special

1 event facility that has hosted more than 500 weddings since 2003;
2 the League City Historical Society has recognized the building with
3 a historic medallion; and

4 WHEREAS, The Butler Building holds a special place in the
5 chronicles of League City, and in its 100th year, it continues to
6 bring vitality to the historic center of town; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the
9 construction of the Butler Building in League City and extend best
10 wishes to all those associated with the preservation of this
11 venerable edifice.