

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For 100 years, the people of Texas have benefited
2 from the outstanding materials and resources of the Texas State
3 Library and Archives Commission; and

4 WHEREAS, On March 19, 1909, a bill was signed into law by
5 Governor Thomas M. Campbell that officially established the
6 commission for the purpose of aiding and encouraging public
7 libraries and collecting materials related to Texas history; in
8 addition to books, the agency houses thousands of government
9 records, private papers, manuscripts, maps, photographs, and other
10 materials that document the history and cultural heritage of the
11 state; and

12 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of its director, Peggy D. Rudd,
13 the agency conducts its important work through five major divisions
14 and programs; the archives and information services division
15 collects and preserves valuable government records and provides
16 reference services for the Texas State Archives, the Genealogy
17 Collection, and the Reference/Documents Collection; the agency's
18 library development division supports the 540 public libraries and
19 10 regional public library systems across the state and provides
20 continuing education to library professionals; the library
21 resource sharing division oversees services that provide
22 information and library materials through networks of Texas
23 libraries and through Internet resources such as TexShare and
24 TexNet Interlibrary Loan; the state and local records management

1 division supports Texas state agencies and local governments in
2 their efforts to comply with records management laws and provides
3 training and consulting services to nearly 9,000 Texas local
4 governments; TSLAC is further distinguished by the Talking Book
5 Program, which provides thousands of Texans who are unable to read
6 standard print with free access to more than 80,000 titles in audio,
7 large print, and Braille formats; and

8 WHEREAS, The agency's home since the early 1960s, the Lorenzo
9 de Zavala State Archives and Library Building, is currently
10 undergoing a \$15.5 million renovation to update its infrastructure
11 and to improve the quality of public and staff spaces; moreover, a
12 capital campaign is under way to fund an additional \$10 million for
13 specialized library and conservation equipment, as well as for
14 compact archival shelving that will allow the library to
15 accommodate its growing archival collection; and

16 WHEREAS, TSLAC headquarters are augmented by the Sam Houston
17 Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty on a site donated by
18 former governor Price Daniel and his wife, Jean; the center
19 features exhibits on a variety of Southeast Texas topics and houses
20 a number of special collections; and

21 WHEREAS, Since its founding, the Texas State Library and
22 Archives Commission has upheld its mission to safeguard and make
23 accessible historically significant records and resources and to
24 provide information services that inspire and support research,
25 education, and reading, and it is indeed fitting to honor this
26 venerable institution for a century of service to the Lone Star
27 State; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
2 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Texas
3 State Library and Archives Commission and extend sincere best
4 wishes for continued success to the agency's commissioners and
5 staff; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission as an
8 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Howard of Travis

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 848 was adopted by the House on March 19, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House