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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

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.