

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Young Men's Business League, the  
2 South Texas State Fair is being held in Beaumont from March 26  
3 through April 5, 2009; and

4           WHEREAS, The South Texas State Fair dates back to 1907, but it  
5 was not until 1942 that the Young Men's Business League began  
6 hosting it; at that time, the United States was preoccupied with  
7 World War II, and many fairs across the country had ceased  
8 operations; however, city and military officials requested that the  
9 event be held in Beaumont to serve as a source of entertainment for  
10 the soldiers who were stationed in the area, and it became known as  
11 the "YMBL Victory Fair"; by 1957, the event had adopted its current  
12 name, and it drew more than 250,000 spectators; since then,  
13 attendance has grown to more than half a million residents of 10  
14 counties in Southeast Texas and three parishes in Southwest  
15 Louisiana; although the South Texas State Fair was cancelled in  
16 2005 due to the devastating impact that Hurricane Rita had on  
17 Jefferson County, it returned the following year, and it is still  
18 going strong today; and

19           WHEREAS, Organized in 1917, the Young Men's Business League  
20 has more than 1,000 members who work together to improve the quality  
21 of life for residents of Beaumont and Southeast Texas; the group  
22 focuses its efforts on the areas of agriculture and commerce,  
23 education, health, and government, and it also develops public  
24 works projects and programs for youth and senior citizens; proceeds

1 from the fair support the organization's many service initiatives,  
2 as well as other charitable institutions; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout its rich history, the South Texas State  
4 Fair has remained a cherished tradition for area residents, and it  
5 is indeed a pleasure to recognize the Young Men's Business League  
6 for its continued efforts in behalf of the community; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2009 South Texas State Fair and  
10 extend to its organizers and attendees sincere best wishes for a  
11 memorable and successful event; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for the Young Men's Business League as an expression of  
14 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 999

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 999 was adopted by the House on March 24, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House