

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Weatherford are gathering on May 16,  
2 2009, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Texas Pythian Home  
3 for children; and

4           WHEREAS, Founded in 1909 by the Knights of Pythias, an  
5 international, nonsectarian, fraternal organization that dates  
6 back to 1864, the Texas Pythian Home was built in the architectural  
7 style of a castle, and it became known as the "Castle on the Hill";  
8 originally created as a home for the widows and orphans of the  
9 members of the Knights of Pythias, it later became Pythian Home  
10 School, educating children from 1910 through 1972; and

11           WHEREAS, Today, the Texas Pythian Home is a child-care  
12 facility that sits on 164 acres of land in the eastern side of  
13 Weatherford; licensed by the Texas Department of Family and  
14 Protective Services, the establishment serves youth from across the  
15 Lone Star State who are between the ages of 3 and 14, and it is  
16 guided by the motto of the Knights of Pythias, "Friendship,  
17 Charity, and Benevolence"; the mission of the Texas Pythian Home is  
18 to provide a safe, stable environment in which children grow  
19 physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually to become  
20 responsible and independent adults; while in residence, the youth  
21 attend school, primarily through the Weatherford Independent  
22 School District, and their families remain an integral part of  
23 their lives; and

24           WHEREAS, For the past century, the Texas Pythian Home has had

1 a positive impact in the lives of countless young Texans, and it is  
2 indeed fitting to recognize the members of the Knights of Pythias  
3 for their many good works; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the centennial of the Texas Pythian  
6 Home and extend to all those associated with this notable  
7 establishment sincere best wishes for a memorable event; and, be it  
8 further

9         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for the home as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
11 House of Representatives.

King of Parker

H.R. No. 1284

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1284 was adopted by the House on April 23, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House