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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.