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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin has been
2 awarded an official Texas Historical Marker by the Texas Historical
3 Commission; and

4 WHEREAS, Known by its nickname, "Muny," the Lions Municipal
5 Golf Course was created by the Austin Lions Club in 1924 on land on
6 Enfield Road owned by The University of Texas; in 1936, the course's
7 lease was transferred to the City of Austin; and

8 WHEREAS, Throughout its first 27 years, Muny was a segregated
9 golf course despite its proximity to Clarksville, which was then a
10 predominantly African American neighborhood; and

11 WHEREAS, After the *Sweatt v. Painter* United States Supreme
12 Court decision desegregated portions of The University of Texas in
13 1950, the Austin City Council, prodded by Councilmember Emma Long,
14 desegregated the course in the spring of 1951, and Muny became the
15 first desegregated municipal golf course in the South; and

16 WHEREAS, To commemorate this historic event, the Travis
17 County Historical Commission applied for an official marker in
18 2008, and the effort drew broad support from such sponsors as Save
19 Muny, Ebenezer Baptist Church, First Evangelical Free Church, First
20 Baptist Church of Austin, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, St. James
21 Episcopal Church, Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation Kol
22 Halev, the Texas Civil Rights Project, Huston-Tillotson
23 University, the Austin Black Lawyers Association, First Unitarian
24 Universalist Church of Austin, and the Austin chapter of the NAACP;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The approval of a historical marker for the Lions
3 Municipal Golf Course provides a fitting opportunity to recall and
4 celebrate the important role Muny played in the civil rights
5 movement in the Capitol City; and

6 WHEREAS, Both the Austin City Council and the Travis County
7 Commissioners Court unanimously passed resolutions supporting the
8 application for a historical marker for Muny; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature hereby commemorate the approval of a Texas Historical
11 Marker at Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin and extend to all
12 those involved in this worthy endeavor sincere congratulations for
13 their hard work and success.