

By: Turner of Harris

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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Knights of Peter Claver, Inc., is celebrating  
2 the 100th anniversary of its founding at the organization's 94th  
3 Annual Convention, which is being held in New Orleans in August  
4 2009; and

5           WHEREAS, Established in Mobile, Alabama, in 1909, the  
6 organization is the only African American Catholic fraternal order  
7 in the nation; the order promotes faith, dedication to the Catholic  
8 Church, and service to the community, and includes in its mission  
9 the rendering of aid and assistance to the sick and disabled as well  
10 as the promotion of social and intellectual association among its  
11 members; and

12           WHEREAS, Through the years, the Knights of Peter Claver has  
13 added a number of divisions, including Fourth Degree, Junior  
14 Knights, Ladies Auxiliary, Junior Daughters and Knights, and Ladies  
15 of Grace Meritorious; today, the group has more than 800  
16 subordinate units in the United States as well as one in Colombia;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, Performing charitable works in a spirit of  
19 friendship and unity, members of the Knights of Peter Claver have  
20 contributed to their communities in innumerable ways, and it is a  
21 pleasure to honor these individuals as they celebrate this  
22 milestone in the life of their organization; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
24 Legislature hereby congratulate the Knights of Peter Claver, Inc.,

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1 on the 100th anniversary of its founding, commemorate the  
2 organization's 94th Annual Convention in New Orleans, and recognize  
3 August 3, 2009, as the Knights of Peter Claver Day; and, be it  
4 further

5       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
7 House of Representatives.