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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2009 marks the 70th anniversary of the
2 founding of the Edinburg Lions Club, and this occasion provides a
3 welcome opportunity to honor this admirable civic organization; and

4 WHEREAS, On November 12, 1939, dedicated Edinburg residents
5 came together to charter a local Lions Club; their efforts were a
6 continuation of a movement that had begun in 1917, when the
7 Association of Lions Clubs was formed in Chicago; and

8 WHEREAS, Since early in the organization's history, members
9 have vowed to be "Knights of the Blind" in response to a personal
10 request made to them by Helen Keller; the Edinburg Lions carry forth
11 this mission by providing eyeglasses to children and adults who
12 lack them and by backing a range of worthwhile programs, including
13 Leader Dogs for the Blind, the Lions Eye Bank of Texas, and the
14 Lions World Services for the Blind; and

15 WHEREAS, Members of the Edinburg Lions Club have also
16 benefited their fellow citizens in numerous other ways; the club
17 has donated funds for park and library improvements, sponsored
18 youth athletics and Boys and Girls Club programs, and supported the
19 Texas Lions Camp, which offers enriching outdoor experiences to
20 children with medical conditions; and

21 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to its work, the membership of the
22 club includes numerous individuals who have been active in the
23 organization for several decades, with the most experienced drawing
24 on 45 years as active Lions; by embodying the motto "We Serve," the

1 caring citizens who make up this exceptional civic group have had a
2 lasting and positive impact on their community, and they are indeed
3 deserving of recognition in this special anniversary year; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the Edinburg Lions Club on the
7 70th anniversary of its founding and extend to the members sincere
8 best wishes for continued success with their important projects;
9 and, be it further

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