

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The University Interscholastic League is
2 celebrating its 100th anniversary beginning in the summer of 2009;
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4 WHEREAS, The organization traces its roots back to June 7,
5 1909, when The University of Texas Board of Regents voted funds for
6 the creation of an extension bureau; this led to the establishment
7 of two programs, the Debating League of Texas High Schools and the
8 Interscholastic Athletic Association, which merged in 1913 to form
9 the University Interscholastic League; and

10 WHEREAS, Now operating under the vice president for diversity
11 and community engagement, the UIL is the largest organization of
12 its kind in the nation; providing Texas high school students with
13 opportunities for competition in academics, athletics, and music,
14 the organization oversees extracurricular contests in a wide array
15 of fields; by fostering a natural desire to excel, the competitions
16 encourage students to hone their talents and cultivate skills that
17 will forever enrich their lives; involvement in the UIL also helps
18 young people to develop such invaluable traits as self-confidence,
19 self-discipline, perseverance, and a sense of fair play; and

20 WHEREAS, The University Interscholastic League annually
21 provides over two million educational competition opportunities
22 for Texas student participants, and those who have shared in that
23 experience include Lyndon B. Johnson, Ann Richards, Barbara Jordan,
24 Earl Campbell, Bill Moyers, and Sandra Day O'Connor; moreover, the

1 Texas Interscholastic League Foundation has presented scholarships
2 to gifted students taking part in the UIL Academic State Meet for
3 some five decades; today, the foundation annually awards more than
4 a million dollars in grants to over 600 students who will be
5 attending colleges and universities in Texas; and

6 WHEREAS, At its centennial, the University Interscholastic
7 League remains an institution of immeasurable importance to
8 students in Texas public schools, and it is a privilege to recognize
9 its continuing role in shaping the future leaders of the Lone Star
10 State; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the
13 University Interscholastic League and extend to all those
14 associated with the organization sincere best wishes for continued
15 success in all their endeavors; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for the
17 UIL as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
18 Representatives.

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H.R. No. 3133

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3133 was adopted by the House on June 1, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House