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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Texas Fraternal Congress, founded in 1900, 3 serves to unite statewide fraternal benefit societies, which number 4 more than 2,300 strong and represent more than 619,000 members; 5 during its weeklong observance of Texas Fraternal Week, being held 6 from April 12 through April 18, 2009, the Texas Fraternal Congress 7 encourages members to make a difference in their communities; and

8 WHEREAS, Member societies of the Texas Fraternal Congress 9 were founded on the principles of mutual aid, fraternal service, 10 and democratic governance; fraternal benefit societies throughout 11 Texas provide their members with opportunities for leadership, 12 education, community service, social interaction, and spiritual 13 growth; and

WHEREAS, In addition, these noteworthy organizations strive to build strong relationships with public officials and to achieve a deeper understanding of legislative processes in order to effectively navigate the regulatory environment in which they operate; and

WHEREAS, Fraternal benefit societies have long contributed to the lives of many Texans and to the rich history of the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas hereby recognize April 12 through 18, 2009, as Texas Fraternal Week and extend sincere best wishes to all those associated with

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1 fraternal benefit societies; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for the 3 Texas Fraternal Congress as an expression of esteem from the Texas 4 Legislature.