

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 427

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Texas State Library and Archives Commission on the splendid occasion of its 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Originally called the Texas Library and Historical Commission, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission began when Governor Thomas Campbell signed its enacting legislation into law on March 19, 1909; a yearlong anniversary celebration will start at noon on March 19, 2009, with a Centennial Kickoff Birthday Party on the Capitol steps; and

WHEREAS, The Texas State Library and Archives Commission preserves and documents the heritage and culture of Texas and Texans; it collects, organizes, and conserves official government records, some of which date to the 18th century, and other significant resources, such as journals, manuscripts, newspapers, photographs, and historical maps; and

WHEREAS, The commission provides services and support for public libraries in the state's network and for a consortium of academic and medical libraries; it assists some 20,000 Texans with visual or reading disabilities through the Talking Book Program; the commission makes available more than 80,000 fiction and nonfiction books and 80 national magazines in a variety of formats, including cassette, compact disc, Braille, and large-print texts; and

WHEREAS, The commission headquarters are in the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building in the Capitol Complex; the building, originally completed in 1961, is now being renovated and will contain a state-of-the-art research facility

for the people of Texas and a remarkably improved climate-controlled storage area that will safeguard the state's valuable historical documents; and

WHEREAS, Additional Commission facilities include the State Records Center and Talking Book annex in Austin and the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center located in Liberty; and

WHEREAS, The Texas State Library and Archives Commission provides a historical foundation for present-day government actions and serves as an important resource for Texas studies, and it is to be commended for its 100 years of service to the state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the administrators and staff of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for their valuable work and services and extend to all best wishes for an outstanding centennial celebration; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 16, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate