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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Former President George W. Bush, former First Lady
2 Laura Bush, Southern Methodist University President R. Gerald
3 Turner, and many other dignitaries gathered on the SMU campus in
4 Dallas on November 16, 2010, to celebrate the groundbreaking for
5 the George W. Bush Presidential Center; and

6 WHEREAS, Designed by acclaimed architect Robert A. M. Stern,
7 the state-of-the-art facility will encompass more than 225,000
8 square feet of space for the Bush Presidential Center's three
9 components, the archive, presidential museum, and policy
10 institute; the prominent 24-acre site, landscaped by noted designer
11 Michael Van Valkenburgh, will feature a wildflower meadow, gardens,
12 courtyards, a tall grass prairie, and clearings for butterflies and
13 birds; and

14 WHEREAS, The George W. Bush Presidential Library, the
15 nation's 13th presidential library, is administered by the National
16 Archives and Records Administration; it will hold approximately 70
17 million pages of textual records, 1,200 cubic feet of audiovisual
18 records, and more than 80 terabytes of electronic records, among
19 them over 209 million e-mails and 4 million digital photographs; in
20 2009, archivists began processing these presidential records for
21 public use and research; the center's museum will include an
22 interactive tour, as well as an exact replica of the Oval Office,
23 and highlight case studies of decisions made in the Bush White
24 House; dedicated to improving the human condition through education

1 reform, global health, freedom, and economic growth, the George W.
2 Bush Institute will encompass the Women's Initiative, chaired by
3 Laura Bush and focused on social and economic opportunities for
4 women and children; and

5 WHEREAS, On its completion, the Bush Presidential Center will
6 add a new dimension to Southern Methodist University, providing
7 unique opportunities for the public and members of the SMU
8 community to learn about a seminal period in American history and
9 for visiting scholars to study national and global issues; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
12 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commemorate the
13 groundbreaking for the George W. Bush Presidential Center and
14 commend all those associated with the center for their
15 contributions; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for the George W. Bush Presidential Center as an
18 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.