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H.R. No. 201

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Lamar County Crime Stoppers organization is
2 celebrating the 25th anniversary of its founding in January 2011,
3 which coincides with the annual observance of Crime Stoppers Month
4 worldwide; and

5 WHEREAS, Lamar County Crime Stoppers is a nonprofit
6 corporation that held its first meeting on January 30, 1986; the
7 organization relies on cooperation between the police, media
8 outlets, and the general population to gather information about
9 crimes and criminals; an important focus of its work is the fielding
10 of tips on criminal activity, which can be reported online and by
11 phone; the secure services operated by Crime Stoppers protect the
12 anonymity of the information providers and encourage potentially
13 reluctant witnesses or community members to share what they know;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Governed by a civilian board, Lamar County Crime
16 Stoppers is funded by private donations from concerned citizens and
17 businesses; the group has paid out some \$275,000 in rewards, and
18 information received by the organization has led to the arrest of
19 more than 1,800 criminals, the clearing of some 3,400 cases, the
20 recovery of over \$2 million in stolen property, and the seizure of
21 drugs worth nearly \$860,000; beyond the numbers, however, the
22 success of Lamar County Crime Stoppers can perhaps best be measured
23 by the community's increased awareness of illegal activity, the
24 greater willingness of residents to fight back against crime, and

1 improved communication between police, the media, and those who
2 live and work in the area; and

3 WHEREAS, The impressive record of proven results established
4 by Lamar County Crime Stoppers is a testament to the strong bonds of
5 collaboration it has fostered, and all those involved in this
6 worthwhile initiative may take immense pride in its many
7 praiseworthy achievements; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
9 Legislature hereby recognize January 2011 as Crime Stoppers Month
10 and honor Lamar County Crime Stoppers on the 25th anniversary of its
11 creation; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Lamar County Crime Stoppers as an expression of high
14 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.