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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of Lions Clubs International are visiting
2 the State Capitol on February 23, 2011, to celebrate Lions Club Day;
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4 WHEREAS, Founded by Chicago businessman Melvin Jones in 1917,
5 the Lions Club was organized around its motto of "We Serve"; members
6 work for the betterment of their fellow citizens through their
7 involvement in a number of worthy causes, including diabetes
8 detection and research, international cooperation and
9 understanding, and drug education and prevention; the group has
10 also been inspired by Helen Keller to assist the visually impaired
11 through such efforts as Sight First, the world's largest blindness
12 prevention program; and

13 WHEREAS, Lions Clubs became an international group in 1920,
14 when the first Canadian chapter was established; through the years,
15 the association has continued to grow steadily, becoming the
16 largest service organization in the world, with 1.3 million members
17 in more than 200 countries; and

18 WHEREAS, Chapters in the Lone Star State are fortunate to
19 have a number of able leaders; District 2S-2 in East Texas is
20 skillfully overseen by governor Glenn Starr, first vice governor
21 Rick Reynolds, MD-2 council chair elect and Barron Cagle Lions
22 World Services for the Blind past district governor Harry Goetzman,
23 and public relations and information officer Keith Nielsen; and

24 WHEREAS, Through more than nine decades, Lions Clubs

1 International has enriched the lives of countless individuals, and
2 its members may take justifiable pride in their shared legacy of
3 good works; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize February 23, 2011, as Lions Club Day
6 at the State Capitol and extend to all those in attendance sincere
7 best wishes for a memorable visit; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.