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H.R. No. 877

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Horace Puckett and Bruce Hlesko have made
2 significant contributions in behalf of hospitalized children in
3 Texas through the charitable organization they founded known as
4 Fireball; and

5 WHEREAS, Formed in 1993, Fireball got its start when
6 "Gorilla" Puckett, Bruce Hlesko, and others came together to serve
7 a meal and raise some funds after a friend suffered severe burns;
8 soon they decided to create a nonprofit organization and to donate
9 any proceeds they made from events to the Shriners Hospital for
10 Children in Galveston, a pediatric burn facility; and

11 WHEREAS, The group now hosts two functions a year, a barbeque
12 in the fall and a crawfish boil in the spring; events feature such
13 activities as live music, raffles, auctions, door prizes, and
14 motorcycle rides, and over the years Fireball has raised more than
15 \$70,000 for the hospital; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition to founding the organization, Mr.
17 Puckett and Mr. Hlesko have served as president and vice president
18 of Fireball for 14 years; a member of the 100 Million Dollar Club,
19 an association that encourages donations to the Shriners Hospitals
20 for Children, Mr. Puckett is also a founding member and former
21 president of the Ben Hur Motorcycle Club and a former president of
22 its Trailblazers unit, a life member of the Lockhart Shrine Club,
23 and a member of the Onion Creek Masonic Lodge No. 220; Mr. Hlesko is
24 a master electrician and business owner; and

1 WHEREAS, Gorilla Puckett and Bruce Hlesko have long given
2 generously of their time, energy, and financial resources to
3 benefit others, and their tireless efforts are truly worthy of
4 commendation; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
6 Legislature hereby honor Horace "Gorilla" Puckett and Bruce Hlesko
7 for their humanitarian endeavors as the founders of Fireball and
8 extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success with their
9 important work; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
11 for Mr. Puckett and Mr. Hlesko as an expression of high regard by
12 the Texas House of Representatives.