

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 2011 Masonic Oak ceremony and picnic is taking  
2 place on May 15, 2011, at Masonic Oak Park in Brazoria; and

3           WHEREAS, In March of 1835, before the establishment of the  
4 Republic of Texas, John A. Wharton, Asa Brigham, James A. E. Phelps,  
5 Alexander Russell, J. P. Caldwell, and Anson Jones gathered under  
6 an oak tree near Brazoria and made the decision to petition the  
7 Grand Lodge of Louisiana for a dispensation to form a new lodge in  
8 Texas; the dispensation was granted and the inaugural meeting of  
9 Holland Lodge No. 36, the first Masonic lodge established in the  
10 state, was conducted later that year; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Jones, who took part in the Battle of San Jacinto  
12 with the charter for the new lodge in his saddlebags, went on to  
13 become the first Worshipful Master of the Holland Lodge and the  
14 first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, which was founded in  
15 1837; he also served as the last president of the Republic of Texas  
16 before annexation to the United States; other renowned Masons have  
17 included Stephen F. Austin, Sam Houston, Paul Revere, George  
18 Washington, Andrew Jackson, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D.  
19 Roosevelt, Douglas MacArthur, and Harry Truman; and

20           WHEREAS, The oak tree under which the six Texas founders met  
21 is now known as the Masonic Oak, and each year, Masons from  
22 throughout the State of Texas come together to commemorate the  
23 founding of that first lodge; today there are more than 90,000  
24 Masons in the Lone Star State, who enjoy fellowship at over 900

1 lodges; and

2           WHEREAS, With an emphasis on helping those less fortunate,  
3 Masons provide more than \$1.5 million each day to worthy causes in  
4 the United States; and

5           WHEREAS, From its establishment in Texas 176 years ago to the  
6 present day, Freemasonry has significantly benefited communities  
7 across this state, changing countless lives for the better through  
8 its members' many good works; now, therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
10 Legislature hereby commemorate the 2011 Masonic Oak ceremony and  
11 picnic and extend to all those taking part in the event sincere best  
12 wishes for a meaningful and memorable observance.

Kleinschmidt  
Miller of Erath  
Miller of Comal

Straus	Gonzales of Williamson	Morrison
Aliseda	Gonzalez	Munoz, Jr.
Allen	Gooden	Murphy
Alonzo	Guillen	Naishtat
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Nash
Anchia	Hamilton	Oliveira
Anderson of Dallas	Hancock	Orr
Anderson of McLennan	Hardcastle	Otto
Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
Burkett	Howard of Fort Bend	Pitts
Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
Cain	Hughes	Raymond
Callegari	Hunter	Reynolds
Carter	Isaac	Riddle
Castro	Jackson	Ritter
Chisum	Johnson	Rodriguez
Christian	Keffer	Schwertner
Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
Craddick	King of Zavala	Sheffield
Creighton	Kleinschmidt	Shelton
Crownover	Kolkhorst	Simpson
Darby	Kuempel	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Landtroop	Smith of Tarrant
J. Davis of Harris	Larson	Smithee
S. Davis of Harris	Laubenberg	Solomons
Deshotel	Lavender	Strama
Driver	Legler	Taylor of Collin
Dukes	Lewis	Taylor of Galveston
Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
Eiland	Lucio III	Torres
Eissler	Lyne	Truitt
Elkins	Madden	Turner
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
Fletcher	Marquez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez	Walle
Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
Gallego	McClendon	White
Garza	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Miles	Workman
Giddings	Miller of Comal	Zedler
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1026 was adopted by the House on April 6, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House