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H.R. No. 1097

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The French Legation was originally built in
2 1840-1841 to be the residence of the charge d'affairs who
3 represented the government of France in the Republic of Texas, and
4 the French Legation Museum is celebrating the building's 170th
5 anniversary on April 8, 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, Alphonse Dubois de Saligny, who was responsible for
7 the construction of the structure, left Austin in 1841, and the
8 building was sold a few years later; it had been designed to provide
9 an appropriate setting for European diplomatic duties, dinner
10 parties, and entertainment, but soon served as the headquarters for
11 an effort to regain Texian missions for the Catholic Church in the
12 1840s and later became a private residence for the Dr. Joseph
13 W. Robertson family, who owned the house for about a century; and

14 WHEREAS, Miss Lillie Robertson was the caretaker of the
15 property for many years; she felt that the structure belonged to the
16 people of this state and would invite visitors in to see the house
17 and to hear about its history; in keeping with her sentiment, the
18 Robertson heirs agreed to sell the site to the State of Texas; and

19 WHEREAS, Since 1956 the property has been operated by The
20 Daughters of the Republic of Texas as the French Legation Museum,
21 with concerned Texans working tirelessly to preserve, protect, and
22 restore the building and to retell the story of the house, including
23 its fascinating architecture and construction, for the generations
24 that have followed; and

1 WHEREAS, A vital cultural resource, the French Legation
2 provides a link to our state's beginnings as an independent
3 republic and allows citizens an opportunity to better understand
4 and appreciate their Texas heritage; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the 170th anniversary of the French
7 Legation and extend to all those associated with the French
8 Legation Museum sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the museum as an expression of high regard by the Texas
12 House of Representatives.