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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, One of the oldest museums in the Lone Star State, the  
2 Elisabet Ney Museum in Austin is marking its 100th anniversary on  
3 April 6, 2011; and

4           WHEREAS, German-born sculptor Elisabet Ney earned  
5 international renown in the 19th century with her portraiture,  
6 including busts of Arthur Schopenhauer and Otto von Bismarck and  
7 statues of Texas heroes Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston, which  
8 stand today in the State Capitol; after moving to Texas, she served  
9 as a powerful advocate for arts, culture, and education; her  
10 neoclassical studio in Hyde Park became a gathering place for  
11 influential citizens who went on to found The University of Texas  
12 Art Department, the Texas Commission on the Arts, the Texas Fine  
13 Arts Association, and museums and art schools throughout the state;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, On April 6, 1911, the Elisabet Ney Museum was  
16 founded on the grounds of the late artist's former studio by more  
17 than 100 of her friends and admirers, among them governors,  
18 senators, and the president of The University of Texas; the  
19 institution has since welcomed millions of visitors and built a  
20 worldwide reputation for excellence; the National Trust for  
21 Historic Preservation selected it for its prestigious Historic  
22 Artists' Homes and Studios program and the White House designated  
23 it as an official project of the Save America's Treasures program in  
24 2003; moreover, it was featured in a celebrated Ney retrospective

1 at the Stadtmuseum Munster in Germany; and

2 WHEREAS, Furthering Ms. Ney's vision for the arts and  
3 education, the museum is visited by schoolchildren from all over  
4 the state and is a resource for their studies of early Texas  
5 history; scholars in many fields use the museum in their research,  
6 and its programming and exhibits serve diverse community groups and  
7 have garnered numerous awards from such organizations as the Texas  
8 Alliance for Education and the Arts and the Texas Historical  
9 Commission; and

10 WHEREAS, The Elisabet Ney Museum has enriched the lives of  
11 innumerable people over the past century through the uplifting  
12 power of art, nature, and beauty, and it is indeed fitting to  
13 recognize its vital contributions to our state's cultural heritage;  
14 now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
16 Legislature hereby commemorate the centennial of the Elisabet Ney  
17 Museum and extend to all those associated with this exceptional  
18 institution sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for the museum as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
21 House of Representatives.