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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance
2 are celebrating 100 years of community leadership at their 51st
3 Biennial National Convention in Houston on July 27-30, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in San Francisco in 1895 as the Native Sons
5 of the Golden State, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance is the
6 nation's second-oldest community support organization focusing on
7 civil and immigration rights; it soon expanded to other California
8 cities and incorporated on May 15, 1912, to open interstate
9 chapters called lodges; in 1915, with lodges in Chicago,
10 Pittsburgh, Detroit, Boston, and other cities across the country,
11 it adopted its present-day name; the national growth of the
12 organization eventually led to the establishment of two Texas
13 chapters, the Houston Lodge and San Antonio Lodge; and

14 WHEREAS, The organization began admitting women in 1977, and
15 less than 20 years later, regional lodges had almost equal numbers
16 of male and female presidents; the first female national grand
17 president was elected at the 1997 convention, and today the
18 Alliance benefits from the skillful leadership of grand president
19 Carolyn Hong Chan and executive vice president Virginia C. Gee; and

20 WHEREAS, Through the years, members of the Alliance have
21 worked with steadfast resolve to promote civil rights, social
22 justice, and family unity; they have supported innumerable civic
23 and educational programs in their communities, and their good works
24 are guided by their cardinal principles, "to fully enjoy and defend

1 the rights and privileges of American citizenship, to support and
2 obey the laws and Constitution of the United States, to cultivate
3 the mind through exchange of knowledge, to effect a higher
4 character among the members, and to observe and practice the
5 fundamentals of brotherly love and mutual help"; and

6 WHEREAS, The members of the Chinese American Citizens
7 Alliance have devoted themselves to the betterment of their
8 communities, and they are indeed deserving of special recognition
9 for their dedication to civic life and social progress; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
12 Legislature hereby welcome the members of the Chinese American
13 Citizens Alliance on the occasion of their 51st Biennial National
14 Convention and congratulate them on their organization's
15 centennial; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for the Alliance as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.