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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Clayton Library Center for Genealogical
2 Research in Houston is helping countless Texans learn more about
3 their family heritage; and

4 WHEREAS, Part of the Houston Public Library system, the
5 Clayton Library Center traces its origins to 1921, when it was
6 founded as a special collection for genealogical research; in 1968
7 the center moved into the Clayton House, the former home of William
8 Lockhart Clayton, a prominent businessman and statesman; the
9 property, which covers a two-block area in the heart of Houston's
10 Museum District, encompasses a main house, a guesthouse, and a
11 carriage house as well as a library building that was added in 1988;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The center houses national and international
14 genealogical history research materials in print and electronic
15 versions, such as published and unpublished family, state, and
16 county histories, birth, death, marriage, land, immigration, and
17 military records, and other sources from throughout the United
18 States and from other countries, including Mexico, Canada, the
19 United Kingdom, and Germany; center staff offer personal research
20 assistance, and the library features monthly programming on
21 genealogical topics as well as rotating exhibits reflective of
22 William Clayton's life and times and of the history of Houston's
23 diverse neighborhoods; and

24 WHEREAS, Named among the top nine genealogical libraries in

1 the nation by *Family Tree Magazine*, the Clayton Library Center
2 attracts thousands of researchers from across the nation every
3 month; the center benefits from strong support from the Clayton
4 Library Friends, a nonprofit organization that raised more than
5 \$1.2 million and purchased or donated thousands of books,
6 periodicals, and microfilm materials for the center in 2008; and

7 WHEREAS, By enabling researchers to explore their family
8 legacies, the Clayton Library Center is fostering a deeper
9 understanding of our shared history and of the ties that bind us to
10 each other and to the past; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize the Clayton Library Center for
13 Genealogical Research as an invaluable resource for residents of
14 the Lone Star State and extend to all those associated with the
15 center sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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