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H.R. No. 121

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Rabbi Dov Mandel has faithfully served the spiritual
2 needs of his community for more than a decade as the leader of
3 Chabad Lubavitch of Fort Worth and Tarrant County; and

4 WHEREAS, In September 2002, Rabbi Mandel and his wife, Chana
5 Tovah, moved to Fort Worth to found a Chabad community center;
6 around the world, some 3,600 Chabad centers offer Torah classes,
7 synagogue services, and assistance with Jewish education and
8 practice; classes offered by Rabbi Mandel at Chabad Lubavitch of
9 Fort Worth and Tarrant County are open to those of other faiths as
10 well, helping to bring greater understanding of Judaism; in
11 addition, he frequently speaks to local groups, including
12 schoolchildren, about practices and traditions; and

13 WHEREAS, This distinguished clergyman was born in Brooklyn,
14 New York, where he was inspired by the teachings of the late Rabbi
15 Menachem Mendel Schneerson, a modern leader of the centuries-old
16 Chabad-Lubavitch movement; Rabbi Mandel was also raised in
17 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Caracas, Venezuela, and he went on to
18 study in the Chabad Yeshivas in Morristown, New Jersey, Brunoy,
19 France, and Jerusalem and Safed, Israel, as well as at Lubavitch
20 World Headquarters in Brooklyn; ordained by Rabbi Yitzchok Yehuda
21 Yeroslavski, secretary of the Chabad Beit Din in Israel, Rabbi
22 Mandel is a certified schochet, and he has also studied the
23 tradition of Safrut, or Torah calligraphy, and Brit Mila; and

24 WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Rabbi Mandel has

1 demonstrated a wholehearted commitment to the Jewish community and
2 to interfaith dialogue, and his wisdom, scholarship, and compassion
3 have enriched the lives of innumerable people; now, therefore, be
4 it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
6 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Rabbi Dov Mandel for
7 his exemplary service to Chabad Lubavitch of Fort Worth and Tarrant
8 County and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be
9 it further

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