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H.C.R. No. 65

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of Austin is celebrating its 100th
2 anniversary on April 6, 2013, and this occasion offers a welcome
3 opportunity to honor the organization and its many good works; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1913, the Rotary Club of Austin was
5 formed to bring together business, professional, and social leaders
6 for the purposes of serving others and fostering self-improvement
7 among members; the club encourages high ethical standards,
8 humanitarian service, and volunteerism, and gives back in a number
9 of ways; and

10 WHEREAS, With approximately 300 members, the Rotary Club of
11 Austin is the largest of the 13 Rotary Clubs in the capital area; it
12 is also the oldest of Austin's clubs; its members contribute to the
13 initiatives of the Rotary International organization, such as its
14 efforts to promote literacy and to improve world health and
15 eradicate polio, as well as to local causes; and

16 WHEREAS, The club's first and longest-standing service has
17 been providing support to the Helping Hand Home for Children;
18 moreover, the club organizes Camp Enterprise, a weekend camp for
19 high school students that encourages young people to develop and
20 propose their own business plans; it also sponsors Fulmore Middle
21 School and Dawson and Pecan Springs Elementary Schools, donating
22 books, mentoring students, and teaching character building and
23 ethics; in addition, the club organizes a citywide project known as
24 Service Austin for disadvantaged citizens and makes numerous

1 scholarships available to deserving students; and

2 WHEREAS, The club's international work includes Group Study
3 Exchanges with foreign countries to establish world understanding
4 and a special service to military personnel known as Operation
5 Vacation Rest and Relaxation, which assists in reconnecting
6 families when troops return home, as well as many other projects;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, For the past century, members of the Rotary Club of
9 Austin have performed works of lasting benefit to the local
10 community and beyond, and the group's noteworthy achievements are a
11 tribute to the dedication of its members, both past and present;
12 now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
14 hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Club of
15 Austin and extend to its members sincere best wishes for continued
16 success with their important work; and, be it further

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