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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, With more than 1.2 million members, Rotary  
2 International is a force for good in communities around the world,  
3 including numerous cities and towns in Texas, and the  
4 organization's accomplishments are being celebrated with Rotary  
5 Awareness Month during January 2013; and

6           WHEREAS, Founded by Paul P. Harris in 1905, the Rotary Club  
7 began in Chicago but soon spread to other cities and countries; by  
8 the early 1920s, there were groups on six continents, which  
9 prompted the membership to adopt the name Rotary International;  
10 today, there are more than 34,000 clubs worldwide; and

11           WHEREAS, Embracing the motto "Service Above Self," the  
12 organization fosters vocational, community, and international  
13 service while encouraging the advancement of understanding,  
14 goodwill, and peace; Rotarians strive to apply a four-way test to  
15 all they think, say, and do, asking: Is it the truth? Is it fair to  
16 all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will  
17 it be beneficial to all concerned?; and

18           WHEREAS, Members support a vast range of worthwhile efforts,  
19 including projects to promote education and job training, combat  
20 hunger, improve health and sanitation, and eradicate polio across  
21 the globe; in addition, Rotary International sponsors leadership  
22 development and youth exchange initiatives to prepare the next  
23 generation of caring citizens; and

24           WHEREAS, In the Austin area, the beneficial work of Rotary

1 International is carried out by the Capitol of Texas Rotary Club;  
2 the group has been responsible for many positive achievements since  
3 being chartered on September 11, 2002; and

4 WHEREAS, Enriching their communities in myriad ways and  
5 building international bridges of compassion and understanding,  
6 the men and women of Rotary International make crucial  
7 contributions to our society, and they are indeed deserving of  
8 commendation; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
10 Legislature hereby recognize January 2013 as Rotary Awareness Month  
11 and honor the work of Rotary International and the Capitol of Texas  
12 Rotary Club; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for the Capitol of Texas Rotary Club as an expression of  
15 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.