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H.R. No. 204

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Irving Heritage Society recently celebrated the
2 100th anniversary of the Heritage House; and

3 WHEREAS, Built in 1912 by Fred Joffre, the Heritage House was
4 constructed for Virginia and C. P. Schulze, the sister-in-law and
5 brother of J. O. Schulze, one of the founders of Irving; the house
6 was restored and furnished with original Schulze family antiques
7 and deeded to the City of Irving in 1975 as a gift from Schulze
8 family members in celebration of the nation's bicentennial; and

9 WHEREAS, The Heritage House is managed by the Irving Heritage
10 Society, whose organizers saw the need for a permanent association
11 to maintain and preserve the house and its contents, as well as to
12 respond to the renewed public interest in local history; Heritage
13 Society members give tours of the house to the public once a month
14 and hold a Valentine's Day tea and an ice cream social there each
15 year; the house was designated as a Recorded Texas Historic
16 Landmark in 1986; and

17 WHEREAS, The Irving Heritage Society also established
18 Heritage Park, where it has restored a cabin and other structures
19 representing the city's railroad past; among its many projects, the
20 group sponsors dinners, speakers, lectures, a newsletter, and
21 themed teas, as well as home tours, educational programs, and the
22 marking of historical sites; in addition, the society is
23 responsible for the publication of *Irving: A Texas Odyssey*, a
24 handsome book that traces the development of that city; the Texas

1 Historical Commission, the Dallas County Historical Commission,
2 and the Texas African American Heritage Organization have all
3 recognized the Heritage Society with awards for its achievements;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The Heritage House of Irving provides a vital link
6 to the rich history of that community, and its preservation is a
7 testament to the hard work and community spirit of many dedicated
8 citizens; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the
11 Heritage House and extend sincere appreciation to all those
12 associated with this important landmark for their commendable
13 efforts; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the Irving Heritage Society as an expression of high
16 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.