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H.R. No. 459

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Lone Star Opry in Giddings celebrated its 20th  
2 anniversary on January 7, 2013; and

3           WHEREAS, Members of the local Rotary Club sponsored the first  
4 "Country Music Monday" on January 4, 1993, at the Sons of Hermann  
5 Hall; in 2010, the event acquired the name Lone Star Opry and was  
6 moved to the Giddings High School Cafetorium, a venue that  
7 continues to host the event on the first Monday of every month, with  
8 an average draw of 500 fans at each performance; and

9           WHEREAS, The Lone Star Opry has entertained appreciative  
10 audiences with family-style shows featuring popular local  
11 performers, budding new talent, and seasoned professionals; the  
12 versatile house band covers musical styles ranging from traditional  
13 country to gospel and bluegrass and provides accompaniment for  
14 artists from across the Lone Star State as well as for guests from  
15 Nashville and beyond; and

16           WHEREAS, From its inception, the Lone Star Opry has been  
17 managed and operated by the Rotary Club, and the funds raised by the  
18 event are used for scholarships and other community projects;  
19 during the last 20 years, the club has donated more than \$130,000 to  
20 help further educational opportunities for graduating high school  
21 seniors from Giddings, Lexington, and Dime Box High Schools; other  
22 worthwhile endeavors have included the purchase of playground  
23 equipment for an area park, financial support for a local food  
24 pantry, and assistance to the public library and to nursing homes in

1 the community; and

2 WHEREAS, For two decades, the Lone Star Opry has provided a  
3 unique showcase for established and emerging musicians, and in so  
4 doing it has contributed greatly to the cultural vitality of the  
5 city and to many worthy initiatives in Lee County; now, therefore,  
6 be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
8 Legislature hereby commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Lone  
9 Star Opry and recognize the Rotary Club of Giddings for its ongoing  
10 sponsorship of the event; and, be it further

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