

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Members of Grandview Masonic Lodge No. 266 are  
2 dedicating an official Texas Historical Marker at the lodge on  
3 March 30, 2013, in recognition of the important role that  
4 organization has played in the community for more than 150 years;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, The oldest Masonic group in continuous existence in  
7 Johnson County, the Grandview lodge was chartered on June 14, 1861,  
8 shortly after the town of Grandview was laid out; those petitioning  
9 for the charter--D. L. Files, Andrew Jackson Hart, A. D. Kinnard,  
10 B. B. Lightfoot, W. W. Madison, L. M. Richards, and Thomas Darcy  
11 Taliaferro--were among the county's leading citizens; early  
12 members also included Elbert Monroe Heath, who had played a leading  
13 role in organizing the county and who served in several county  
14 offices, and James Hiner, a Methodist minister who served as  
15 postmaster and county judge; and

16           WHEREAS, Lodge activities were initially held in a log  
17 building that the Masons shared with the local Methodist Church and  
18 with a school, which the Masons were instrumental in organizing;  
19 after the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad bypassed the young  
20 community in 1882, residents moved to be closer to the tracks, and  
21 the Masons relocated their lodge as well; except for an  
22 interruption caused by a fire that devastated much of the town in  
23 1920, the members of the lodge have been meeting at the same site in  
24 Grandview since 1895; and

1           WHEREAS, In addition to supporting Masonry's charitable  
2 endeavors throughout Texas, members of the Grandview lodge assist  
3 their community in a number of ways; local programs include the  
4 promotion of dental health care among first graders and the  
5 awarding of scholarships to area students; and

6           WHEREAS, Through its longstanding tradition of community  
7 involvement, the Grandview Masonic Lodge has made significant  
8 contributions to Grandview and its residents, and it is indeed  
9 fitting that this venerable organization be recognized; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
12 Legislature hereby commemorate the dedication of an official Texas  
13 Historical Marker at Grandview Masonic Lodge No. 266 and extend to  
14 all those associated with the lodge sincere best wishes for  
15 continued success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1015

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1015 was adopted by the House on March 27, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House