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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 97th annual Fiesta Oyster Bake sponsored by the  
2 St. Mary's University Alumni Association is taking place April 19  
3 and 20, 2013, on the campus of St. Mary's University in San Antonio;  
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5 WHEREAS, First held in 1916 on the banks of the San Antonio  
6 River, the event began as an annual meeting of St. Mary's alumni;  
7 the gathering was opened to the general public in the 1940s, and in  
8 1974, it became an official part of Fiesta San Antonio; all along,  
9 the oyster bake has served to raise funds for St. Mary's, and today  
10 it provides money for scholarships, as well as for alumni and  
11 university programming; and

12 WHEREAS, Oysters are featured prominently at the event, with  
13 100,000 of them available baked, fried, or raw, but there is also an  
14 assortment of other foods, including some 15,000 chocolate-covered  
15 strawberries; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition, the festival offers the opportunity to  
17 hear a varied lineup of music on five different stages; among the  
18 performers are Kevin Fowler, Mario Flores and The Soda Creek Band,  
19 Texas Tide, Outer Circles, Candlebox, Patsy Torres, and Chris  
20 Wallace; 7,000 volunteers are involved in helping to coordinate  
21 each aspect of the elaborate festivities; and

22 WHEREAS, Recognized as the "Best Event to Benefit a Charity"  
23 by the Texas and International Festivals and Events Associations,  
24 the Fiesta Oyster Bake has become a much-anticipated weekend

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1 activity for area residents, made all the more meaningful for the  
2 fact that the proceeds go to support such a worthy cause; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the 97th annual Fiesta Oyster Bake  
6 and extend sincere best wishes to the event's participants and  
7 organizers for an enjoyable and rewarding experience.