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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts in Spring,
which opened in March 2008, welcomed its 100,000th visitor on
October 13, 2012; and

WHEREAS, The area's first fine arts museum outside the downtown Houston museum district, the institution was founded in partnership with the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and others; it is named after the late Pearl Lilley Fincher, a civic leader who served on the board and whose family played a pivotal role in the development of the museum; and

WHEREAS, The Pearl is housed in a former county library renovated through private funds, grants, and gifts; to date, the museum has received over \$3.5 million from more than 2,000 generous donors committed to its goal of bringing original, high-quality works into the daily environment of area residents; and

WHEREAS, Part of the Cypress Creek Cultural District, the 15 Pearl is a non-collecting museum; it borrows from public and 16 private collections, and in its first year alone, the museum 17 18 exhibited the work of Western artist Frederic Remington, as well as gold objects from modern Ghana, paintings from 17th-19 and 20 18th-century Europe, and antique and contemporary art glass; the 21 facility also serves as a community center and complements its exhibitions with a busy schedule of programs and services to 22 23 enlighten, educate, and entertain; and

24 WHEREAS, The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is making a

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H.R. No. 1677 1 meaningful contribution to the community, and it is indeed fitting 2 to recognize this outstanding addition to the cultural life of 3 northwest Houston; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas 5 Legislature hereby honor the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts on 6 having surpassed the 100,000 visitor milestone and extend to all 7 those associated with the institution sincere best wishes for 8 continued success; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 10 prepared for the museum as an expression of high regard by the Texas 11 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1677 was adopted by the House on May 1, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House