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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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

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.