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H.R. No. 116

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Kilgore College Rangerettes organization is
2 marking its 75th anniversary in 2015, and this milestone provides a
3 fitting opportunity to honor this beloved Texas institution; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded in 1939 to fulfill the twofold purpose of
5 attracting more women to the school while also keeping fans in their
6 seats during halftime at football games, the precision drill team,
7 the first of its kind in the world, was created by physical
8 education instructor Gussie Nell Davis; since the retirement of
9 Miss Davis in 1979, the Rangerettes have been led by just two
10 directors, Deana Covin from 1979 to 1993 and Dana Blair, the current
11 director and the first to have also been a Rangerette; in 1948,
12 Denard Haden became the team's first choreographer and developed
13 innovative patterns and steps that are still used by dance and drill
14 teams today; and

15 WHEREAS, This elite troupe has delighted audiences
16 throughout the nation and abroad in dynamic shows featuring high
17 kicks and vintage red, white, and blue costumes; the Rangerettes
18 performed at inauguration festivities for Presidents Barack Obama
19 and George W. Bush, marched in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parades, and
20 participated in such events as the Chinese New Year celebration in
21 Singapore, the Saint Patrick's Day Parade and Lord Mayor's Ball in
22 Dublin, Ireland, and Carnival celebrations in Nice, Paris, and
23 Cannes, France; and

24 WHEREAS, For three-quarters of a century, members of the

1 Kilgore College Rangerettes have served as ambassadors for Kilgore
2 College and the Lone Star State, and in doing so, they have built
3 the group's well-deserved reputation for excellence; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Kilgore
7 College Rangerettes and extend to all those involved with the
8 organization sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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