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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Georgetown Public Library will be celebrating  
2 its first half-century in March 2016, and the beginning of its 50th  
3 anniversary year provides a welcome occasion to take note of this  
4 distinguished institution's history; and

5           WHEREAS, Before the public library was established,  
6 residents of Georgetown used the libraries of the local school  
7 district or Southwestern University if they wished to borrow a  
8 book, though many of the popular titles requested by readers were  
9 unavailable there; and

10           WHEREAS, In response to demand, the Georgetown Public Library  
11 was opened on March 21, 1966, in two small, poorly lit rooms off  
12 Main Street, with \$21 in its account, a volunteer staff, and a  
13 collection of 1,200 books; in June of that year, fewer than 1,000  
14 books were checked out, but by 1970, the library had grown enough to  
15 require its own building, and in 1987, it moved again, to Martin  
16 Luther King Jr. Street; and

17           WHEREAS, Since 2007, the Georgetown Public Library has been  
18 housed in a 54,000-square-foot building that features a  
19 kid-friendly first floor and a quieter section on the second floor;  
20 this thriving institution operates with an annual budget of \$2  
21 million and boasts a collection of nearly 111,000 books and 6,700  
22 DVDs, and today it loans out as many items in a single day as it used  
23 to in a month; and

24           WHEREAS, The library also enjoys the support of the Friends

1 of the Georgetown Library; this dedicated and hardworking group of  
2 volunteers numbers more than 740 members, making it one of the  
3 largest such associations in the state; and

4 WHEREAS, For nearly half a century, the Georgetown Public  
5 Library has been a source of enlightenment, inspiration, and  
6 delight to countless area residents, and it is a pleasure to  
7 recognize this vital community resource; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary year of the  
10 Georgetown Public Library and extend to its staff, volunteers, and  
11 patrons sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for the library as an expression of high regard by the  
14 Texas House of Representatives.