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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Floyd County Friends Unity Center is holding its
2 20th annual gala on April 18, 2015; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1995, the late Billy Don Colston and a number of
4 other engaged citizens gathered at the Lighthouse Electric
5 Cooperative to discuss building a multipurpose center in the area;
6 the group subsequently founded Floyd County Friends and elected
7 Nick Long as the organization's first president; and

8 WHEREAS, In order to finance the facility's construction,
9 Floyd County Friends held its first annual gala in the Lockney
10 School Cafeteria in 1996; for the next five years, the organization
11 hosted numerous fund-raisers and solicited private donations and
12 matching grants until the Floyd County Friends Unity Center could
13 open its doors debt-free in January of 2000; over the years, the
14 gala has become the biggest social event of the season for area
15 residents, and the money it raises now goes toward keeping the
16 center affordable and accessible to the general public; and

17 WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of manager Jon LaBaume,
18 the Unity Center serves approximately 10,000 visitors each year;
19 the center offers a variety of agricultural and family events,
20 including the Floyd County Stock Show, as well as continuing
21 education programs and 4-H meetings; and

22 WHEREAS, For two decades, the members of Floyd County Friends
23 have devoted their time and energy to providing area residents with
24 a welcoming venue for community events, and these dedicated

1 individuals are indeed deserving of recognition for their
2 successful efforts; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
4 Legislature hereby commemorate the 20th annual Floyd County Friends
5 Unity Center gala and extend to its organizers and attendees
6 sincere best wishes for a memorable event; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Floyd County Friends as an expression of high regard by
9 the Texas House of Representatives.