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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Club of Vernon is celebrating the
2 centennial of Kiwanis International in March 2015; and

3 WHEREAS, Founded in Detroit, Michigan, in 1915, Kiwanis
4 International is a coeducational service organization dedicated to
5 "Serving the Children of the World"; the club's objectives are to
6 encourage individuals to treat others as they would like to be
7 treated, to promote the adoption of higher standards of social and
8 professional behavior, and to foster an environment of
9 righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill; furthermore, it
10 offers members an opportunity to form enduring friendships as they
11 help to build a better community; and

12 WHEREAS, Kiwanis International has a membership of nearly
13 600,000 individuals from around the globe; each year, it raises
14 more than \$100 million and provides over 18 million volunteer hours
15 to a number of worthy causes; a few years ago, the organization
16 partnered with UNICEF in a worldwide initiative to prevent iodine
17 deficiency, and the result is that 70 percent of people in
18 developing nations now have access to iodized salt; and

19 WHEREAS, The Kiwanis Club of Vernon, which was established in
20 1953, exemplifies this tradition of public spirit; under the able
21 guidance of current president Billy Blount, the organization
22 sponsors and participates in a wide variety of service projects,
23 including the Veterans Day Breakfast, the Cool Down Vernon fan
24 drive, Lions Club Baseball, Coats for Children, and Star Tree; in

1 addition, the group has endowed a scholarship fund at Vernon
2 College and awards Boys and Girls Club summer scholarships; members
3 raise funds through their annual Pancake Breakfast, which has
4 become an important local tradition, and donate their own money to
5 the club's causes; and

6 WHEREAS, For more than six decades, the members of the
7 Kiwanis Club of Vernon have set an example of leadership and
8 volunteerism to which others may aspire, and they are truly
9 deserving of recognition for their tireless efforts in behalf of
10 their fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
12 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis
13 International and commend the members of the Kiwanis Club of Vernon
14 for their exemplary service to their community; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the Kiwanis Club of Vernon as an expression of high
17 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.