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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth is celebrating
2 the 125th anniversary of its founding in 2015; and

3 WHEREAS, When it was established in 1890, Fort Worth's YMCA
4 focused on meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the young men
5 frequenting the streets and saloons of the frontier town; the
6 organization used its "Gospel Wagon" to convey patrons to its
7 facilities, which included a dormitory, reading rooms, gymnasiums,
8 and space for social interaction; and

9 WHEREAS, Two prominent Fort Worth leaders, Amon G. Carter Sr.
10 and Amon G. Carter Jr., played key roles in the expansion of the
11 YMCA in the first part of the 20th century; the senior Mr. Carter
12 served on the board in the early years and laid the cornerstone for
13 the Downtown YMCA building in 1924; in addition, he donated land for
14 the creation of Camp Carter YMCA; his son later became board chair
15 and further developed the camp and other initiatives; and

16 WHEREAS, In order to meet the needs of the growing city, the
17 association has opened a number of new facilities over the years;
18 today, it encompasses 13 branches, including Camp Carter, and it
19 serves more than 100,000 people of all ages in both Tarrant and Hood
20 Counties; its locations offer a wide range of programs, among them
21 health and wellness, athletics, aquatics, after-school activities,
22 child care, and arts education; and

23 WHEREAS, The YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth has demonstrated
24 an unyielding commitment to the strength and vibrancy of the

1 community, and over the course of its long history, it has made a
2 positive difference in the lives of countless residents; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate the YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth
6 on its 125th anniversary and extend to all those associated with
7 this outstanding organization sincere best wishes for continued
8 success; and, be it further

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