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H.R. No. 403

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2017 marks the 25th anniversary of the
2 Texas Lottery; and

3 WHEREAS, Since its inception on May 29, 1992, the Texas
4 Lottery has generated more than \$25 billion for the State of Texas;
5 97 percent of lottery sales are returned to the state through
6 contributions to the Foundation School Program, the Texas Veterans
7 Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance, and other state
8 initiatives, as well as through prizes and retailer commissions,
9 bonuses, and incentives; to date, the lottery has provided more
10 than \$20 billion to public education and over \$74 million to Texas
11 veterans; and

12 WHEREAS, The lottery reached new heights in fiscal year 2016,
13 producing sales in excess of \$5 billion and generating \$1.39
14 billion in state revenue; moreover, in recognition of the lottery's
15 responsible gaming initiatives, it was awarded Level 3
16 certification in 2016 by the World Lottery Association; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2003, the Texas Lottery Commission joined the
18 Texas Alert System Network, and now each of the more than 17,000
19 licensed lottery retailers statewide plays an important role in the
20 state's AMBER, Silver, and Blue Alert operations; and

21 WHEREAS, Through its continued success and growth, the Texas
22 Lottery has become a vital component of the state's economy, and
23 this occasion presents a welcome opportunity to recognize the
24 outstanding work of the Texas Lottery Commission; now, therefore,

1 be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Texas
4 Lottery and extend to all those affiliated with the Texas Lottery
5 Commission sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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