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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, St. Mary's University in San Antonio is marking the
2 bicentennial of the Society of Mary on April 1, 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, In the wake of the French Revolution, Father William
4 Joseph Chaminade, a diocesan priest, returned from exile in Spain
5 and began forming small faith communities under the patronage of
6 the Blessed Mother; membership in the early Marianist Lay
7 Communities reached nearly 1,000 by 1809, and in 1816, Father
8 Chaminade supported Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon in the
9 establishment of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate, now known as the
10 Marianist Sisters; the following year, the Society of Mary was
11 created under his direction; and

12 WHEREAS, With a profound commitment to education, the
13 Marianists expanded through Europe and beyond, reaching America in
14 1849; four brothers from the order traveled to San Antonio by
15 stagecoach, and in 1852 they founded St. Mary's Institute to
16 promote the ideals of academic excellence, ethical commitment, and
17 service to the community; today, that same devotion to faith,
18 learning, and philanthropy continues to inform the successor
19 institutions, St. Mary's University and Central Catholic High
20 School; and

21 WHEREAS, The Society of Mary has worked since its inception
22 to develop scholarship, leadership, and strong moral character, and
23 this historic milestone provides a welcome opportunity to recognize
24 the Marianists for their positive impact on the lives of many

1 generations of Texans; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby commemorate the bicentennial of the Society of
4 Mary and extend to all those participating in the observance at
5 St. Mary's University sincere best wishes for a memorable and
6 meaningful event; and, be it further

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