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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Wilbur Smith Rotary Club of Texarkana is  
2 celebrating its 100th anniversary on April 4, 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, Chartered in 1917, the club had an initial  
4 membership of approximately 30 individuals dedicated to the  
5 betterment of their North Texas community; Rotarians further seek  
6 to promote high ethical standards and to advance international  
7 understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of  
8 business and professional persons united in the ideal of service;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Members of the Wilbur Smith Rotary Club have worked  
11 tirelessly since its inception to improve the lives of children and  
12 adults with disabilities; they have also benefited the Boy Scouts  
13 and summer athletic teams and been involved in both the  
14 establishment of the Texarkana Community Foundation and in the  
15 development of a formula for its continued funding; in addition,  
16 the group sponsors an annual awards event to highlight the  
17 accomplishments of teachers and public servants; and

18 WHEREAS, Through its Flag Project, the club contributes more  
19 than \$1 million to Texarkana; the group built a park for the  
20 enjoyment of area residents, as well as the Rotary Splash Pad, which  
21 welcomes thousands of children each year, and it has partnered with  
22 other Rotary Clubs, local organizations, and corporate sponsors for  
23 a variety of additional initiatives; and

24 WHEREAS, The Wilbur Smith Rotary Club has made a lasting,

1 positive difference through the committed efforts of its members,  
2 past and present, and it is indeed a pleasure to honor this  
3 noteworthy organization as it marks this momentous milestone in its  
4 long history; now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the Wilbur Smith Rotary Club on its  
7 100th anniversary and extend to its members sincere best wishes for  
8 continued success in their worthwhile endeavors; and, be it further

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