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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas
2 Texas State Court are celebrating the organization's 100th
3 anniversary at its biennial convention, taking place April 20-23,
4 2017, in Corpus Christi; and

5 WHEREAS, The Catholic Daughters of the Americas was founded
6 in Utica, New York, in 1903 by John Carberry and several other
7 members of the Knights of Columbus; dedicated to its motto of "Unity
8 and Charity," this philanthropic and patriotic order for Catholic
9 women quickly expanded with the creation of local courts throughout
10 the country; and

11 WHEREAS, The first local court in Texas, now known as the
12 mother court, was established in Austin in 1909; the number of CDA
13 groups in the Lone Star State increased over the next several years,
14 and when the Texas State Court was organized on January 25, 1917, in
15 Houston, it was made up of 12 charter courts; the state-level CDA
16 organization has since grown to encompass 245 local courts,
17 including 5 college- and university-level campus courts, and 68
18 Junior Catholic Daughter Courts, which accept young women ages 6
19 through 18; and

20 WHEREAS, Drawing on the efforts of its more than 18,000
21 members, the Texas State Court has performed such charitable acts
22 as building homes for Habitat for Humanity and sponsoring Memorial
23 Mass enrollments, which raise more than \$30,000 for scholarships
24 each year; moreover, the group has promoted initiatives centered on

1 youth and families and on women's health awareness, and it has
2 provided generous support to the American Wheelchair Mission,
3 Cameron Colonia, Casa Juan Diego, the Texas Disaster Relief Fund,
4 and the Annunciation Maternity Home; and

5 WHEREAS, Guided by their faith and values, the members of the
6 Texas State Court of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas have
7 made a lasting difference in their communities, and their
8 achievements are indeed deserving of recognition on this important
9 milestone in the organization's history; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the
12 Catholic Daughters of the Americas Texas State Court and extend to
13 all those associated with the court sincere best wishes for
14 continued success with their important work; and, be it further

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