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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the San Antonio Edgewood Lions Club are
2 celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of Lions Clubs
3 International with a special event, Celebrate a Century of Service
4 Here in Texas--Where It All Began, on May 17-21, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, Established by Melvin Jones, the International
6 Association of Lions Clubs held its first convention in October
7 1917 at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas, and of the original 23 clubs,
8 12 were formed in the Lone Star State; a watershed moment occurred
9 in 1925 when Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International
10 convention and urged attendees to become "Knights of the Blind"; in
11 the years since, members have enthusiastically accepted her
12 challenge, providing assistance to millions of people who suffer
13 from blindness or limited vision through a wide variety of
14 programs; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1970, Lions Clubs International adopted the motto
16 "We Serve," and the Lions Clubs of Texas have originated many of
17 their own service projects, including the Juvenile Diabetes
18 Program, the Journey for Sight fund-raising event, and the Texas
19 Lions Foundation disaster relief fund; each year, the San Antonio
20 Edgewood Lions Club organizes a picnic for more than 400 children
21 with disabilities at the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, provides
22 free vision screenings through the Lions Mobile Eye Screening Unit,
23 hosts the Young Women's Scholarship Pageant, and collects over 500
24 pairs of used eyeglasses for those in need; moreover, this

1 exemplary chapter supports the Edgewood Independent School
2 District Family Alliance Conference, health fair, and Parent
3 Volunteers Appreciation Dinner, sponsors student participation in
4 a number of different contests, and throws the annual Santa's
5 Surprise Party at Laser Quest; and

6 WHEREAS, The Edgewood Lions Club has significantly advanced
7 the mission of one of the largest, most respected, and most
8 effective service organizations in the world, and it is a pleasure
9 to recognize its members as they commemorate this significant
10 milestone in the history of the Lions; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
12 Legislature hereby honor the San Antonio Edgewood Lions Club on the
13 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs International and extend to all
14 those associated with the chapter sincere best wishes for continued
15 success in their important work; and, be it further

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