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H.R. No. 917

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Friends of the Governor's Mansion is celebrating its
2 40th anniversary in 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, Established in 1979 by Governor William P. Clements
4 Jr. and First Lady Rita Clements, the nonprofit organization is
5 dedicated to maintaining the Texas Governor's Mansion and
6 preserving its historical and cultural integrity; the group also
7 works to educate the public about the building and its contents; and

8 WHEREAS, FGM raises funds to acquire museum-quality artwork,
9 as well as antique furnishings made in the United States, that
10 enhance the mansion and reflect its significance in the annals of
11 Texas; it oversees the Mansion Collection of furnishings and
12 state-owned artifacts, restoring and replacing items as needed; and

13 WHEREAS, Passersby can readily observe the organization's
14 attention to the exterior of the mansion; FGM supports a garden fund
15 that provides for seasonal plantings, and the group offers advice
16 on significant landscaping projects; and

17 WHEREAS, Managed by a statewide board of directors, FGM
18 performs its activities at the mansion through memoranda of
19 agreement with the Texas Historical Commission and the State
20 Preservation Board; the governor and first lady serve as advisory
21 members of the FGM board, which includes two current members of THC,
22 as well as the executive directors of THC and SPB and the citizen
23 member of SPB; and

24 WHEREAS, The dedicated stewardship of Friends of the

1 Governor's Mansion ensures that this state treasure sets the
2 highest standard of historical preservation while remaining a home
3 that each governor's family endows with its own traditions; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Friends of the Governor's Mansion
7 on its 40th anniversary and commend all those associated with this
8 noteworthy organization; and, be it further

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