

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 483

WHEREAS, The Goodman-LeGrand House and Museum is celebrating the 162nd anniversary of its construction in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Known as "Bonnie Castle" by its first occupant, Samuel Gallatin Smith, the historic building was erected in 1859; it was originally a one-story house with four rooms, and it sat on nine acres of wooded land; Franklin N. Gary bought the home at the start of the Civil War and sold it to Dr. Samuel Adams Goodman in 1866; one year later, Dr. Goodman's son purchased the house; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William Jeffries Goodman moved into the residence with his wife, Mary Priscilla Gaston, and through the years, they added a second story in the Italianate architectural style; their eldest child, Sallie Gertrude Goodman, lived in the house throughout her life, and she and her husband, James H. LeGrand, remodeled the house in 1926, adding massive two-story columns and projecting circular porticos in the Classic Revival architectural style; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Goodman-LeGrand was the last direct heir to live in the house, and upon her death in 1939, she bequeathed her estate to the City of Tyler with instructions to maintain the home and keep it open as a public museum; the city officially took ownership in 1940, and in 2010-2011, the home's exterior was renovated to restore the original colors of the paint and shingled mansard roof; to this day, museum visitors can learn about the Goodman-LeGrand family while viewing a number of rare and historical items; and

WHEREAS, The Goodman-LeGrand House and Museum has withstood a panorama of change over the course of 162 years, and it is a pleasure to join in celebrating its long history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby commemorate the 162nd anniversary of the construction of the Goodman-LeGrand House and Museum and extend to all those associated with the establishment sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the museum as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 25, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate