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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The commemoration of Library Day in the State of Texas provides a welcome opportunity to recognize public libraries for their many contributions to their communities; and

WHEREAS, The oldest continuously operating library in the state, the Dr. Eugene Clark Library in Lockhart was named for a Central Texas physician and opened in July 1900; today, there are some 870 public libraries throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Libraries are vital institutions that provide a wide variety of services and programs to citizens of all ages; in addition, librarians often work with school boards and local officials to curate collections that reflect the interests and needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, By offering a diverse range of books and other media, libraries give patrons the opportunity to explore different perspectives, to become more empathetic toward other lived experiences, and to celebrate imagination and creativity; and

WHEREAS, Public libraries have been a source of enlightenment, entertainment, and inspiration for generations of Texans, and it is a privilege to join in recognizing these outstanding cultural institutions for the central role they play in their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature hereby commemorate Library Day and extend to librarians across the state sincere best wishes for continued success with their important work.