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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The El Dorado Social Club is celebrating the 100th
2 anniversary of its founding at the Stafford Centre on February 7,
3 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, This esteemed organization traces its roots to 1925,
5 when a group of students at the old Colored High School on West
6 Dallas Avenue in Houston was studying literature under the tutelage
7 of Viola Webber Colvin; in that class, they read the poem
8 "El Dorado" by American author Edgar Allan Poe and were so
9 impressed by the story of the mythical city that they set about
10 organizing a club with the same ideals it expressed; and

11 WHEREAS, Joe Parker was appointed the club's first president,
12 and its charter members selected the motto "Searching for
13 El Dorado" to encapsulate their vision for the club and for
14 themselves; the colors blue and gold were chosen to be its official
15 colors, representing their commitment to integrity, their
16 collective loyalty to the ideal of El Dorado, and their desire to
17 lead lives of value to the community; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1931, the club was restructured into a men's
19 organization, and an auxiliary group called the Eldorettes was
20 formed for the wives of club members; today, the group continues to
21 preserve the legacy of its founders and to uphold the principles on
22 which the organization was built, with each member dedicating
23 himself to the poem's proposition that he must "Ride, boldly ride,
24 over the Mountains of the Moon, down the Valley of the Shadow, in

1 search of El Dorado"; and

2 WHEREAS, Over the past century, the El Dorado Social Club has
3 had a meaningful impact on both its members and the broader
4 community, and it is truly a pleasure to join in marking this
5 special milestone in its history; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor the El Dorado Social Club on the occasion
8 of its 100th anniversary and extend to all those associated with
9 this notable organization sincere best wishes for the future; and,
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for the El Dorado Social Club as an expression of high
13 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.