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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memorial Park marked its 100th anniversary in 2024,
2 providing a welcome opportunity to pay tribute to the rich legacy of
3 Houston's largest urban wilderness and recreational green space;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, In 1924, Will and Mike Hogg, with minority owner
6 Henry Stude, purchased two tracts of land that had previously
7 served as the Camp Logan training base during World War I and sold
8 the acreage at cost to the City of Houston; in May of that year, the
9 city officially established Memorial Park in honor of the soldiers
10 who trained at the camp and fought in the war; conservationist Ima
11 Hogg, the sister of Will and Mike Hogg, served for half a century as
12 guardian of the park, playing an instrumental role in saving it from
13 a number of potential encroachments; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, Memorial Park is overseen by Memorial Park
15 Conservancy, a nonprofit group founded in 2000 that manages 1,100
16 of the park's 1,500 acres; the conservancy directed the Memorial
17 centennial celebration in 2024 while raising more than \$3.2 million
18 in support of the park's daily care; dedicated to keeping the park
19 free for all users, the conservancy conducts public education about
20 green space preservation, creates events, programs, and park areas,
21 and works to highlight Memorial's cultural history; moreover, the
22 organization has helped formulate and carry out the Memorial Park
23 Master Plan in partnership with the Houston Parks and Recreation
24 Department, Kinder Foundation, and Uptown Development Authority,

1 delivering transformational capital improvements, the restoration
2 of the park's ecological systems, and an operations and maintenance
3 plan for the park; and

4 WHEREAS, The millions of people who visit Memorial Park each
5 year enjoy a range of athletic facilities and recreational
6 amenities that include trails for running, walking, and cycling,
7 picnic areas, playgrounds, tennis courts, a pool, volleyball
8 courts, ballfields, and the renowned Memorial Park Golf Course,
9 which in 2016 was inducted into the Texas Golf Hall of Fame; and

10 WHEREAS, For more than a century, Memorial Park has served as
11 a sanctuary for relaxation and recreation for the residents of
12 Houston, and it is indeed a pleasure to join in recognizing this
13 treasured community asset; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
15 hereby commemorate the centennial of Memorial Park in Houston and
16 extend to all those associated with the park sincere best wishes for
17 the future; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Memorial Park Conservancy as an expression of high
20 regard by the Texas Senate.