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H.C.R. No. 17

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Buffalo Trail Council of Scouts BSA is
2 celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding in 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, In response to a lack of scouting in West Texas, the
4 Buffalo Trail Council was organized on November 1, 1923, and its
5 name reflects the presence of buffalo tracks found in the sandstone
6 near Big Spring; in 1948, the council acquired a 6,000-acre tract of
7 land in the Davis Mountains for camping, and a council service
8 center was purchased in 1959 in Midland following a fundraising
9 campaign; in addition to gifts from the Humble Pipe Line Company and
10 the Mobil oil company, the group received land from the American
11 Petrofina Corporation and a large dining hall, and over the years,
12 what came to be known as the Hughes Aquatic Base has been used for
13 programs such as aquatic camps, wood badge and University of
14 Scouting College of Commissioner Science courses, weekend camping,
15 and other training events; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, the Buffalo Trail Council encompasses more
17 than 30 units and its members include more than 700 scouts from
18 Brewster, Presidio, Jeff Davis, Culberson, Reeves, Loving,
19 Winkler, Ward, Ector, Andrews, Midland, Martin, Howard, Glasscock,
20 Mitchell, Borden, Scurry, and Sterling Counties; and

21 WHEREAS, The Buffalo Trail Council has made a significant
22 difference in the lives of countless young Texans while
23 contributing to the betterment of the community, and it is indeed a
24 pleasure to join in recognizing this momentous milestone in the

1 group's rich history; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas,
3 4th Called Session, hereby commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the
4 Buffalo Trail Council of Scouts BSA and extend to all those
5 affiliated with the group sincere best wishes for the future; and,
6 be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for the council as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.