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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Eastland Oil Company of Midland is celebrating
2 the 100th anniversary of its founding in 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, A privately held exploration and production
4 company, the business traces its roots to the A. M. Donnelly
5 Drilling Company, established by Arthur Matthew Donnelly; he began
6 his career about 1891, working for the Standard Oil Company and
7 operating a gas distribution system in upstate New York; following
8 the turn of the century, he set out for Oklahoma with his family;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The company drilled wells in Kansas and Oklahoma
11 before establishing its first Texas wells in Denton County in 1914;
12 that year, it also contracted with Mid-West Oil to drill in the
13 Artesia Field in New Mexico; four years later, it began operations
14 in Eastland County, where it discovered the Martin Field;
15 A. M. Donnelly then incorporated the firm as the Eastland Oil
16 Company; and

17 WHEREAS, Eastland moved its headquarters to Fort Worth in
18 1924; after World War II, George Donnelly Jr., a geologist, opened
19 an office in Monahans; he mapped much of the Permian Basin and
20 initiated the company's efforts in the development of numerous
21 fields across the region; in 1977, Eastland Oil relocated to
22 Midland; and

23 WHEREAS, Today, Eastland Oil operates more than 60 wells in
24 West Texas and eastern New Mexico; through the years, the company's

1 leadership has demonstrated its commitment to the industry through
2 important roles in such institutions as the Bureau of Economic
3 Geology, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists
4 Foundation, and the Petroleum Museum; current president Robert R.
5 "Robin" Donnelly represents the fourth generation to guide the
6 firm, and his son, Garrett Donnelly, has served as vice president
7 since 2018; and

8 WHEREAS, The Eastland Oil Company has made significant
9 contributions to the Permian Basin over the course of its long
10 history, and it stands as an inspiring example of the success that
11 can be realized by hardworking, visionary entrepreneurs in the Lone
12 Star State; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
14 hereby congratulate the Eastland Oil Company on its centennial and
15 extend to all those associated with the firm sincere best wishes for
16 continued success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the company as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.