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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Mineola are celebrating the 150th
2 anniversary of their community's founding in 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, Mineola was established in 1873 when the
4 International-Great Northern Railroad and the Texas and Pacific
5 Railway built lines through the northeastern region of the state;
6 the town became a vital part of the area's commerce, and trains
7 often stopped for crew and passengers to drink from the
8 "health-giving" waters of the community's artesian well; and

9 WHEREAS, By 1890, the population of Mineola had grown to
10 2,000 people, and the town boasted seven churches and several
11 schools, hotels, and banks; the local economy was supported by the
12 timber industry, as well as cattle raising and the production of a
13 variety of agricultural crops; a chair factory was opened in 1886,
14 and the facility later operated as a crate and basket factory until
15 1952; in the 1940s, the discovery of oil in Wood County and the
16 construction of a railroad shop further bolstered the town's
17 economy; and

18 WHEREAS, Today, Mineola is a designated "National Main Street
19 City," and its picturesque downtown is a popular destination for
20 tourists; in addition to a variety of local shops and restaurants,
21 residents and visitors alike enjoy such attractions as the annual
22 Iron Horse Heritage Festival, the Mineola Nature Preserve, and the
23 Lake Country Playhouse and the Historic Select Theater; and

24 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they work to build

1 an even brighter future, the people of Mineola are justifiably
2 proud of their community, and it is indeed a pleasure to honor their
3 contributions to the story of the Lone Star State on this milestone
4 occasion; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
6 hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of the city of Mineola and
7 extend to its citizens sincere best wishes for the future.