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H.C.R. No. 109

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Hawkins are celebrating the 150th  
2 anniversary of their community in 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, Located in Wood County, Hawkins traces its roots to  
4 1873, when the town's first post office was established and the  
5 Texas and Pacific Railway built lines through the area; by 1884, the  
6 town was shipping a variety of products, including lumber,  
7 shingles, livestock, and cotton, and it boasted five general  
8 stores, five steam gristmills and cotton gins, three churches, two  
9 hotels, and a district school; within the next few decades, Hawkins  
10 saw the addition of a newspaper, the *Hawkins Banner*, numerous  
11 businesses, and telephone service; in January 1913, the first  
12 classes were held at Jarvis Christian Institute, located just east  
13 of town, and the school later evolved into Jarvis Christian  
14 University; and

15 WHEREAS, In October 1940, the discovery of oil three and a  
16 half miles from Hawkins transformed the area into a boomtown, with  
17 the population expanding sixfold within a year; the Humble Oil and  
18 Refining Company, which later became ExxonMobil, soon began  
19 operating locally and continued to produce oil from the Hawkins  
20 Field for decades; and

21 WHEREAS, Today, Hawkins is home to more than 1,200 people;  
22 residents and visitors alike enjoy the picturesque scenery of the  
23 northeastern Texas countryside, as well as a number of natural  
24 attractions, including Lake Hawkins and the Little Sandy National

1 Wildlife Refuge; since 1995, the town has been designated as the  
2 Pancake Capital of Texas, and the Hawkins Pancake Festival is held  
3 each year in April; another beloved annual event, the Hawkins Oil  
4 Festival, takes place in October; and

5 WHEREAS, Celebrating their rich history as they work to build  
6 an even brighter future, the people of Hawkins are justifiably  
7 proud of their community, and it is indeed fitting to honor their  
8 contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now, therefore,  
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas  
11 hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of the city of Hawkins and  
12 extend to its citizens sincere best wishes for the future; and, be  
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for the city as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
16 House of Representatives and Senate.