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H.R. No. 1134

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Garland Power & Light is celebrating its centennial
2 in April 2023; and

3 WHEREAS, In the early 1920s, the City of Garland sought to
4 power the pump of its newly completed water well; an electric
5 provider refused to negotiate a reasonable commercial rate, so the
6 city founded Garland Power & Light; on April 1, 1923, it began
7 generating electricity with a 117-kilowatt diesel generator,
8 serving 300 customers; and

9 WHEREAS, GP&L established its first interconnection with
10 another utility, the Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, in 1943; in
11 subsequent decades, the utility built and purchased a number of
12 plants; it completed two transmission lines to bring wind power
13 from West Texas in 2014, and it has entered into contracts for
14 affordable solar power as well; for the past five years, it has
15 given customers the option of choosing 100 percent renewable power;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, In 2018, GP&L completed its portion of the Houston
18 Import Project, a series of critical bulk power transmission lines
19 for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas grid; the utility
20 supports the state grid by investing in transmission projects
21 outside of Garland, which not only expand grid capacity, but also
22 generate revenue for GP&L; and

23 WHEREAS, Today, GP&L serves more than 73,000 customers; it
24 ranks as the fourth-largest municipal electric utility in Texas and

1 43rd in the nation; its local transmission and distribution
2 electric delivery system has built a reputation for reliability,
3 with outage frequency and duration well below the national average;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, GP&L continues to thrive under local leadership; it
6 reports to the city council, and a portion of its revenues return to
7 the city's general fund; the utility's management demonstrates its
8 commitment to the community through support of the performing arts
9 and economic development; moreover, it sponsors programs for
10 residents, among them the Tree Power Free Tree Giveaway and
11 EnergySaver, which helps customers save money through efficiency
12 measures; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the course of a century, Garland Power & Light
14 has provided an essential service to area residents and businesses
15 while finding additional ways to make the community an even better
16 place to live; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
18 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of Garland
19 Power & Light and extend to all those associated with the utility
20 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for the utility as an expression of high regard by the
23 Texas House of Representatives.