

By: Clardy

H.R. No. 1235

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Panola College celebrated an important milestone in
2 its rich history with the commemoration of its 75th anniversary in
3 2022; and

4 WHEREAS, Panola College was established on June 14, 1947,
5 with an original enrollment of 55 students, who met for classes in
6 two temporary buildings; over the years, the institution has grown
7 into a thriving academic community of more than 2,600 students, and
8 the 35-acre campus now encompasses student apartments, the Charles
9 C. Matthews Foundation Student Center, and the state-of-the-art
10 Health and Natural Sciences Building; and

11 WHEREAS, Primarily serving residents of Panola, Harrison,
12 Marion, and Shelby Counties, Panola College offers a variety of
13 associate's degree and university transfer programs, as well as
14 distance learning, workforce training, and continuing education
15 courses; in addition, students have the opportunity to compete in
16 rodeo, volleyball, baseball, and basketball, as well as to
17 participate in a variety of extracurricular offerings, such as fine
18 arts exhibitions, theatrical productions, and musical
19 performances; and

20 WHEREAS, The 75th anniversary festivities began with a
21 dedication ceremony for a Texas Historical Commission historical
22 marker honoring the college, and the celebration continued with a
23 number of other events held throughout the fall semester, including
24 a laser show, a dinner theater, alumni mixers, and a reception and

1 book signing for the commemorative volume, *75 Years Along the Pony*
2 *Trail*; and

3 WHEREAS, Since its founding 75 years ago, Panola College has
4 offered generations of students a quality education and a strong
5 foundation for achievement, and in so doing, it is making an
6 important contribution to the future of the Lone Star State; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of Panola
10 College and extend to all those associated with the institution
11 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the college as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.