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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Hines Cemetery Association is celebrating the  
2 rededication of the historic burial ground in Edna on May 20, 2023,  
3 the 150th anniversary of the cemetery's founding; and

4           WHEREAS, In February 1873, Joe and Flora Hines purchased 200  
5 acres of land in Jackson County and set aside 10 acres for use as a  
6 family graveyard; they had been born into slavery and transported  
7 to Texas by Robert C. Hines from his plantation in Hinesville,  
8 Liberty County, Georgia; the couple lived in Henderson, Texas,  
9 before moving to Morales around 1864; and

10           WHEREAS, Together, Joe and Flora Hines had 12 children,  
11 including three from her first marriage to Joe Robinson, Alfred,  
12 Joe, and Tira, and the nine children of their own union, Tom, Bill,  
13 Reuben, Mary, Jane, Francis, Rosa, Harriet, and Julia; today, they  
14 have more than 350 known descendants; and

15           WHEREAS, The Hines Cemetery Association was established in  
16 2017 as a nonprofit organization with the sole purpose of  
17 preserving the historical integrity of the burial ground; the  
18 association's board is composed of descendants of Joe and Flora  
19 Hines, and its original members were Sammie E. Brooks, president,  
20 Beverly Callis Campbell, secretary-treasurer, Hugh Hines, grounds  
21 coordinator, and Leonard Hines, assistant grounds coordinator;  
22 today, the board includes Matthew Wesley Plummer Jr., president,  
23 Bruce Butler, first vice president, Brian Plummer, second vice  
24 president, Robert Hood Jr., secretary, Rolanda Hood Williams,

1 assistant secretary, Farouk O. Plummer, treasurer, and Carl Freddie  
2 Hines, grounds coordinator; and

3 WHEREAS, For 150 years, the Hines Cemetery has served as a  
4 final resting place for tenacious men and women who braved many  
5 hardships while striving to build a better life for their families,  
6 and its preservation is a tribute to the constancy and devotion of  
7 their descendants; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby commemorate the rededication of the Hines  
10 Cemetery on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of its founding  
11 and commend the members of the Hines Cemetery Association for their  
12 efforts; and, be it further

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