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H.R. No. 2174

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Yorktown are celebrating the
2 175th anniversary of their community's founding on June 17, 2023;
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4 WHEREAS, Located in DeWitt County approximately 75 miles east
5 of San Antonio, Yorktown was established in 1848 by Charles
6 Eckhardt and Captain John York, who planned a trading post and a
7 shorter route from Indianola to San Antonio; in 1854, the town was
8 chartered, and it was incorporated in 1871; in 1886, the Aransas
9 Pass Railway was built a mile south of the community; the town
10 prospered, and by 1898, it boasted more than 50 businesses and
11 nearly 850 residents; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the course of the 20th century, the population
13 of Yorktown grew to more than 2,500, and the local economy was
14 supported by some 150 businesses, including an oilfield equipment
15 factory; for many years, the Yorktown Fair Association sponsored
16 the Little World's Fair; and

17 WHEREAS, Today, Yorktown is a picturesque community, and
18 residents and visitors alike can appreciate the historic buildings
19 along Main Street, including the Yorktown Historical Museum, as
20 well as such beloved traditions as the annual Western Days
21 festival; and

22 WHEREAS, The citizens of Yorktown may indeed take great pride
23 in their rich heritage as they come together to celebrate this
24 significant milestone in their history; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
2 Legislature hereby commemorate the 175th anniversary of Yorktown
3 and extend to the community's residents sincere best wishes for the
4 future.