

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Big Sandy Sand Company is marking its 75th  
2 anniversary in 2023, and this milestone provides a fitting  
3 opportunity to recognize the history of this venerable enterprise;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Big Sandy Sand Company was founded by G. C. "Doc"  
6 Wright and his son, J. T. Wright, on the banks of Big Sandy Creek in  
7 Upshur County in 1948; the business originally operated out of a  
8 rustic processing plant that consisted of a barge, a screening box,  
9 and several shovels; in 1971, the company moved to a modern plant on  
10 a 100-acre tract of land north of the town of Big Sandy, and five  
11 years later it established a new plant near Hawkins in Wood County,  
12 which was managed by J. T. Wright's son, Dennis Wright; and

13           WHEREAS, In 1981, the Wright family sold the plant near Big  
14 Sandy and dissolved the original business entity; Dennis Wright  
15 subsequently established a new corporation that acquired the  
16 Hawkins plant and the rights to the name Big Sandy Sand; following  
17 Dennis Wright's passing in 2018, his children John T. Wright, Lee  
18 Ann Bailey, Joshua Wright, and Lauren Zahn assumed ownership of the  
19 business; and

20           WHEREAS, The fourth generation of the Wright family to lead  
21 Big Sandy Sand, they have worked to expand the company's reach while  
22 remaining committed to giving back to the community; the business  
23 today produces sands and related products that are used in foundry,  
24 masonry, construction, and turfgrass applications throughout

1 Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Arkansas; and

2 WHEREAS, For three quarters of a century, Big Sandy Sand  
3 Company has made significant contributions to the local economy,  
4 and it stands as an inspiring example of the success that can be  
5 realized by hardworking entrepreneurs in the Lone Star State; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of Big Sandy  
9 Sand Company and extend to the Wright family and their employees  
10 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Big Sandy Sand Company as an expression of high regard  
13 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2200

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2200 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2023, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House