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H.R. No. 166

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Universal City are celebrating  
2 the 65th anniversary of their city's incorporation on September 6,  
3 2025; and

4 WHEREAS, Encompassing almost six square miles in  
5 northeastern Bexar County, Universal City was established to serve  
6 the needs of the nearby Randolph Air Force Base; the town  
7 experienced modest growth in the first few decades after the base  
8 opened in 1931, but the relocation of the Air Training Command  
9 Headquarters to the base in 1957 marked a turning point for the  
10 community; on-base housing proved to be insufficient for the influx  
11 of personnel, and the town saw a surge in construction after the  
12 completion of Rose Garden, its first profitable housing  
13 development; and

14 WHEREAS, Concerned about annexation from San Antonio,  
15 Universal City voters approved incorporation in March 1960, and the  
16 city's first mayor, Franklin Bless, was elected alongside its first  
17 city council members on June 4 of that year; on September 6, the  
18 city council formalized its incorporation as a general law  
19 municipality; at that time, the population of Universal City was  
20 estimated to be 1,800; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1963, the United States Air Force began the  
22 process of transferring its Military Personnel function from the  
23 Pentagon to Randolph Air Force Base, ushering in another era of  
24 development for Universal City; within a decade, the city's

1 population soared to over 7,500, at one time earning it the  
2 reputation of being the fastest-growing city in Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, Today, Universal City is home to over 20,000 people,  
4 making it the fourth-largest community in Bexar County; the city's  
5 proximity to Randolph Air Force Base continues to be its defining  
6 feature, and it offers such amenities as Olympia Hills, its  
7 municipal golf course and conference center, as well as many local  
8 parks; students residing in Universal City are served by two  
9 independent school districts, Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD  
10 and Judson ISD, and post-secondary studies are offered at Northeast  
11 Lakeview College; annual events in Universal City include a  
12 Snowfest held in February and a veterans' parade in November that is  
13 believed to be the longest-running such event in the San Antonio  
14 area; and

15 WHEREAS, For 65 years, Universal City's industrious  
16 residents have dedicated themselves to preserving and enhancing the  
17 quality of life in their community, and this milestone provides a  
18 welcome opportunity to recognize the city's contributions to the  
19 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
21 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby commemorate the 65th  
22 anniversary of the incorporation of Universal City and extend to  
23 its residents sincere best wishes for a meaningful and memorable  
24 celebration; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
26 prepared for the city as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
27 House of Representatives.