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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Children's Learning Centers of Amarillo is  
2 celebrating its 100th anniversary on April 1, 2025; and

3 WHEREAS, The nonprofit day-care organization was founded as  
4 Amarillo Day Nurseries on April 1, 1925, under the direction of the  
5 Potter County Federation of Women's Clubs; a year later, it was  
6 gifted a new building, and the Social Welfare Association took over  
7 as its governing body, with The Child Study Clubs sponsoring its  
8 nurseries; incorporated in March 1931, its facilities saw the  
9 addition of toddler and infant units over the course of the ensuing  
10 decade, and by 1939, the nursery had more than 50 children in its  
11 care; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1964, the McLellan Day Nursery was constructed  
13 using surplus funds from recent polio immunization campaigns, and  
14 the Watley Day Nursery was later added with a donation from the  
15 Kilgore Foundation; in May 1985, the organization underwent a final  
16 name change to Children's Learning Centers of Amarillo, Inc., and  
17 it merged with the Young Women's Christian Organization the  
18 following year; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1993, the Lawrence R. Hagy Child Care Center  
20 opened in the Medipark campus, with CLC managing and staffing the  
21 facility; that same year, the former YWCO building was renamed the  
22 Sybil B. Harrington Center, and Hazel Kelley Wilson and her family  
23 donated their home, which came to be known as the Hazel Kelley  
24 Wilson Infant Center; and

1 WHEREAS, The Herzstein Learning Center was added in 1994,  
2 with funding from the Ethel and Albert Herzstein Living Trust and  
3 construction and land gifted by the Loewenstern family; over the  
4 course of the early 2000s, CLC saw the further addition of a number  
5 of buildings, including the Sybil B. Harrington Learning Center,  
6 Kimble Learning Center, and Curtis-Flemming Learning Center; and

7 WHEREAS, Today, CLC operates out of seven facilities, and in  
8 recent years, it has served as many as 500 families; the  
9 organization benefits from the able guidance of executive director  
10 Steve Burton and assistant executive director Tiffani Threet; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the past century, Children's Learning Centers  
12 has provided Amarillo families with high-quality child care, and in  
13 so doing, it has made a lasting, positive difference in the  
14 community; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Children's Learning Centers on its  
17 100th anniversary and extend to all those affiliated with the  
18 organization sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Children's Learning Centers as an expression of high  
21 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.