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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The East Texas Oil Field was discovered on October  
2 3, 1930, after Columbus Marion "Dad" Joiner, a wildcatter from  
3 Oklahoma, and his geologist friend, Dr. A. D. Lloyd, persuaded an  
4 experienced driller to help them find the largest oil field in the  
5 world; and

6           WHEREAS, The driller, Ed Laster, hit a pot of black gold with  
7 the Daisy Bradford No. 3, discovering a giant oil field that  
8 measured 42 miles north to south and covered 400 square miles in  
9 parts of five East Texas counties; and

10           WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Rusk, Gregg, Smith, Upshur,  
11 and Cherokee Counties have produced more than six billion barrels  
12 of oil; the oil field even supplied fuel to military vehicles during  
13 World War II; and

14           WHEREAS, In 1980, on the occasion of the field's 50th  
15 anniversary, the East Texas Oil Museum opened on the campus of  
16 Kilgore College; a gift from Placid Oil Company and the children of  
17 the late H. L. Hunt, the museum preserves the history of the oil  
18 field and honors the achievements of Mr. Hunt, who purchased the  
19 Daisy Bradford No. 3 and nearby leases from Mr. Joiner, and all the  
20 independent oil men who pioneered the development of this  
21 significant discovery; and

22           WHEREAS, To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the East Texas  
23 Oil Field throughout 2005, individuals from the five counties are  
24 throwing parties in their respective cities, culminating with a

1 final, grand event being held on October 3, 2005, in Kilgore; and

2 WHEREAS, The discovery of the East Texas Oil Field forever  
3 changed the lives of many residents of this fine region of the Lone  
4 Star State, and it is a pleasure to recognize its storied history on  
5 this special occasion; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
7 hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of the discovery of the  
8 East Texas Oil Field and congratulate all those who are involved  
9 with this year's festivities.