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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Lancaster residents are excited about the new
2 Lancaster Visitors Center that will be housed in the city's
3 historic Interurban Building in downtown Lancaster once
4 renovations of the building are completed; and

5 WHEREAS, Built in 1911, the Interurban Building was home to
6 the Texas Interurban Railway that ran from Waxahachie through Red
7 Oak, Lancaster, and Dallas to Sherman-Denison until the 1950s; it
8 was also the region's first electric-powered building and where
9 area residents' electricity bills were paid for more than 50 years;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The Interurban Building renovation project received
12 a federal grant for 1999-2000 through the Statewide Transportation
13 Enhancement Program administered by the Texas Department of
14 Transportation because of the historic project's impact for Texas
15 roadways, as the project is located on State Highway 342 across the
16 street from Heritage Park and Gazebo; and

17 WHEREAS, Designating the new Lancaster Visitors Center as an
18 auxiliary Texas museum would help transform the Interurban Building
19 into a premier attraction for the area; and

20 WHEREAS, The Lancaster Visitors Center will truly be a unique
21 resource for both residents and visitors of Texas alike and is
22 indeed deserving of this designation; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby designate the Lancaster Visitors Center as an auxiliary
25 Texas museum.