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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The year 2006 marked the 100th anniversary of the
2 Elgin Cotton Oil Mill, one of the few family-owned oil mills in the
3 country; and

4 WHEREAS, Established shortly after the turn of the century,
5 the mill was built in response to a bumper crop of cotton in the area
6 that also led to the development of several gins; in the late 1930s,
7 Edwin Lundgren, Sr., who began working at the mill as a seed buyer,
8 purchased the business, and his three sons, Sammy, Ralph, and
9 Bobby, worked there while growing up; Sammy went on to join the
10 operation full-time in 1950, and Ralph followed later that decade;
11 throughout the years, the venture has remained a vital part of the
12 Lundgren family, as Sammy's and Ralph's sons, David, Randy, Brian,
13 and Mark, have taken on its management and several other family
14 members have also been involved; in addition, the mill has served as
15 a gathering spot for farmers, ranchers, and other members of the
16 community; and

17 WHEREAS, The Elgin Cotton Oil Mill enjoyed record prosperity
18 at the start of the 1960s, and business is again on the rise thanks
19 to the growing demand for biodiesel fuel; while the oil was
20 traditionally sold for use in cooking, today the mill, which
21 processes approximately 75 tons of cottonseed a day, sells most of
22 its supply to the Willie Nelson Biodiesel Company; and

23 WHEREAS, For more than a century, the Elgin Cotton Oil Mill
24 has contributed to the economy and culture of Elgin and the Lone

1 Star State, and it is indeed appropriate to recognize this
2 important family business on its 100th anniversary; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate the Elgin Cotton Oil Mill on its
6 100th anniversary and extend to the Lundgren family sincere best
7 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the Elgin Cotton Oil Mill as an expression of high
10 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.