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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A new historical marker celebrating the history of
2 the city of Van has been approved by the Texas Historical
3 Commission; and

4 WHEREAS, Sponsored by the Van Economic Development
5 Corporation and researched by members of the Van Zandt County
6 Historical Commission, the new marker tells of the birth and
7 development of Van; and

8 WHEREAS, First settled 150 years ago, the community was
9 originally known as Swindall, after an early resident; the name was
10 changed to Van when the community received its first post office;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, After the discovery of oil in Van in 1929, the quiet
13 rural community became a boomtown; 30 new buildings, including
14 hotels, dance halls, restaurants, and shops, were constructed in 10
15 days' time; and

16 WHEREAS, The Pure Oil Company, which managed the local oil
17 field, played an important role in the town's progress, providing
18 better roads, funding toward a new school, and fire protection and
19 helping to create a more stable community, and about 900 people
20 found a good home in Van during the 1930s; and

21 WHEREAS, Van's new historical marker will help the city's
22 residents honor this rich history, paying tribute to those strong,
23 hardworking people who faced the economic challenges of the Great
24 Depression and the opportunities of the oil boom and who made their

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1 unique contributions to the story of the Lone Star State; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
4 Legislature hereby commemorate the approval of the new historical
5 marker for the city of Van by the Texas Historical Commission and
6 congratulate the Van Zandt County Historical Commission and the Van
7 Economic Development Corporation on their successful efforts to win
8 approval for the marker.