

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Olney are coming together on May
2 2, 2009, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of
3 this unique Texas community; and

4 WHEREAS, The area was first settled in 1879 and 1880 by
5 cattlemen Boone McCarty, L. Pankonon, and the Neely brothers, who
6 used the site for their annual roundups; a store was established in
7 1889 and a school in 1891; and

8 WHEREAS, Olney was incorporated in 1909 with the arrival of
9 the Wichita Falls and Southern Railway; the town was moved a mile
10 north to get closer to the line, and in 1910, service began with the
11 Gulf, Texas and Western railroad; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1923, oil was discovered in the area, and Olney
13 became a lively boomtown; today, it continues to be a center for
14 petroleum production and for agribusiness, and it is also home to
15 Air Tractor, a leading manufacturer of agricultural aircraft; and

16 WHEREAS, Proud of its record number of Eagle Scouts at one
17 time, Olney has also been voted a Blue Ribbon City; in addition, it
18 is the host of the One Arm Dove Hunt, a unique annual event for
19 individuals who have lost the use of an arm or hand, and that also
20 features pool and golf tournaments and skeet shoots; and

21 WHEREAS, Celebrating their colorful history as they work to
22 build a bright future, the citizens of Olney may take great pride in
23 the contribution their community has made to the heritage of the
24 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

H.R. No. 1215

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
2 Legislature hereby commemorate the centennial of the incorporation
3 of Olney and extend to its citizens sincere best wishes for an
4 enjoyable and meaningful anniversary event.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1215 was adopted by the House on April 16, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House