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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

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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.