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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Fortune 500 company Alcoa Inc. is celebrating
2 the 125th anniversary of its founding in 2013, and this occasion
3 represents a fitting opportunity to recognize this pioneering
4 company for its contributions to the prosperity and technological
5 leadership of our state and nation; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1886, the inventor Charles Martin Hall discovered
7 an affordable way to smelt the semi-rare metal aluminum by passing
8 an electrical current through a bath of cryolite and aluminum
9 oxide; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Hall and Alfred E. Hunt incorporated the
11 enterprise as the Pittsburgh Reduction Company on October 1, 1888,
12 and opened a small experimental plant in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania;
13 by 1895, the company had opened a third factory, and it was renamed
14 the Aluminum Company of America in 1907; the name Alcoa was coined
15 in 1910 and adopted as the official corporate name in 1999; and

16 WHEREAS, In the years since, Alcoa's innovative solutions
17 have revolutionized businesses from the aerospace and automotive
18 industries to consumer electronics and packaging, and the company's
19 leadership in sustainability and recycling has earned it
20 recognition as one of the Top Green Companies by *BusinessWeek*
21 magazine; it has also been featured for 10 years in a row in the Dow
22 Jones Sustainability Index; moreover, the Alcoa Foundation has
23 invested more than \$550 million in local communities since its
24 founding in 1952; and

1 WHEREAS, Alcoa has had a presence in Texas since 1950, and it
2 runs major facilities in Rockdale, Point Comfort, Waco, Wichita
3 Falls, and San Antonio, in addition to several sales and warehouse
4 locations; the company currently employs more than 2,000 men and
5 women in the Lone Star State; and

6 WHEREAS, For a century and a quarter, Alcoa has been a leader
7 in American research, manufacturing, and business, benefiting
8 communities and creating jobs and opportunities in Texas and across
9 the nation; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
11 hereby commemorate the 125th anniversary of the founding of Alcoa
12 Inc. and extend to the company's management and employees sincere
13 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Alcoa as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 Legislature.