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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Cedar Park are observing the 40th
2 anniversary of the incorporation of their community in 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, Originally known as Running Brushy, the settlement
4 of Cedar Park grew around the ranch and home of the founding Cluck
5 family in the late 1800s; during this time, it benefited from the
6 nearby Austin and Northwestern Railroad, becoming a major source of
7 limestone in the region and the only source of shell stone in the
8 entire nation; and

9 WHEREAS, On February 24, 1973, Cedar Park residents voted to
10 incorporate; the town was first led by Kenneth Bell, for whom Bell
11 Boulevard is named, and it has since thrived under the guidance of
12 mayors Buzz Henry, George Wade, Ron Merrill, Dalton Stephens, Reese
13 Turner, George Bowling, Dorothy Duckett, George Denny, Bob Young,
14 Bob Antle, Bob Lemon, and Matt Powell, who took office in 2012; and

15 WHEREAS, Cedar Park experienced a population boom in the
16 years following its incorporation, growing from 700 to
17 approximately 54,000 people in only four decades; in 1980, the
18 Cedar Park Public Library opened its doors, and in 2007, its first
19 hospital, the Cedar Park Regional Medical Center, was established;
20 that same year, *Forbes* magazine named Cedar Park the 11th
21 fastest-growing suburb in America, and *Family Circle* listed it as
22 one of the top 10 cities in which to raise a family; and

23 WHEREAS, Today, this bustling city offers the natural beauty
24 of nearly 900 acres of parkland and more than a dozen cave

1 preserves, as well as such attractions as the Cedar Park Center
2 arena and Veterans Memorial Park; as they celebrate their rich
3 heritage while looking forward to a prosperous future, residents of
4 Cedar Park may indeed reflect with pride on the ways that they have
5 helped make their city an excellent place in which to live and work;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
8 Legislature hereby commemorate the 40th anniversary of the
9 incorporation of Cedar Park and extend to the town's residents
10 sincere best wishes for the future.