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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of College Station are celebrating the  
2 75th anniversary of the founding of their city in 2013; and

3           WHEREAS, In 1877, the College Station post office opened near  
4 the site of Texas A&M College, as the university was then known; the  
5 surrounding community took its name from the postal station, and  
6 within seven years, it had a population of 350 served by two general  
7 stores and a railroad depot; and

8           WHEREAS, Local citizens voted to incorporate as College  
9 Station on October 19, 1938; at the time, the town encompassed about  
10 two square miles and had some 2,000 residents; the zoning  
11 commission was created the following year and established a  
12 tradition of managed growth; in 1942, Ernest Langford was elected  
13 mayor, and during more than a quarter-century in office, the man  
14 known as the "Father of College Station" emphasized the development  
15 of city services over commercial expansion; and

16           WHEREAS, By 1950, College Station had nearly 8,000  
17 inhabitants, including students, and in the following decade, a  
18 major expansion program at Texas A&M initiated a long period of  
19 significant growth; between 1960 and 2000, the population increased  
20 almost sixfold; ties to the university also drove the development  
21 of the business sector, including manufacturing, and the city  
22 became a major research center; and

23           WHEREAS, College Station today covers about 50 square miles,  
24 and the 2010 census recorded almost 94,000 residents; while much

1 has changed over the years, the city is committed to preserving and  
2 sharing its unique history through such initiatives as the  
3 Exploring History Lunch Series and the Historic Marker Program;  
4 Project HOLD, College Station's Historic Online Library Database,  
5 won the Award of Excellence in Preserving History from the Texas  
6 Historical Commission in both 2005 and 2007, and it received the  
7 Leadership in History Award from the American Association of State  
8 and Local History; moreover, the city has partnered with the George  
9 Bush Presidential Library and Museum to develop an exhibit  
10 commemorating the 75th anniversary of incorporation; and

11 WHEREAS, The residents of College Station may take  
12 justifiable pride in the rich heritage of their city as they look  
13 forward to a future filled with promise and prosperity; now,  
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
16 Legislature hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of the founding  
17 of the city of College Station and encourage Texans to explore the  
18 history of the community during this milestone year.