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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Carrollton is celebrating its 100th
2 anniversary in 2013; and

3 WHEREAS, Incorporated as a general law city on June 14, 1913,
4 Carrollton was first settled in the 1840s by pioneers who purchased
5 land from the Peters Colony; many early residents hailed from
6 Carrollton, Illinois, and most local historians believe they chose
7 the same name for their new home; in 1878, the name was made
8 official with the opening of the town's first post office; and

9 WHEREAS, The Dallas-Wichita Railroad arrived in 1879, and the
10 advent of the Cotton Belt line nine years later spurred the
11 agricultural community's development as a shipping center for
12 livestock, grain, cotton, and cottonseed; by 1908, three railroads
13 served Carrollton, and the Texas Interurban Railway later arrived
14 to provide electric train passenger service between Dallas and
15 Denton; and

16 WHEREAS, In the early 20th century, the gravel industry
17 contributed to the diversity of the local economy, and the town
18 became important to the dairy and brick industries as well; growth
19 began to accelerate in the 1960s as North Texas flourished, and
20 between 1970 and 1980, Carrollton's population nearly doubled to
21 more than 40,000; and

22 WHEREAS, Carrollton today is a vibrant community with more
23 than 120,000 residents and over 5,000 businesses in a variety of
24 sectors, among them manufacturing, construction, wholesale trades,

1 finance, insurance, and real estate; committed to promoting a high
2 quality of life, the city is making \$90 million in improvements to
3 public infrastructure, and its initiatives include a \$1.5 million
4 tree-planting program along major boulevards and enhancements for
5 parks and walking and biking trails; and

6 WHEREAS, While marking a significant milestone in its
7 history, Carrollton is also investing in the future, and residents
8 may take justifiable pride in the rich heritage and continuing
9 prosperity of their community; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
11 Legislature hereby commemorate the centennial of the city of
12 Carrollton and extend sincere best wishes to its citizens for a
13 meaningful and enjoyable observance; and, be it further

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