

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In 2015, Kilgore College is celebrating the 80th  
2 anniversary of its founding, and this occasion presents a fitting  
3 opportunity to honor this respected institution; and

4           WHEREAS, After the 1930 East Texas oil boom led to a  
5 considerable population increase in the Kilgore area, civic and  
6 business leaders embarked on plans to establish a community  
7 college; opening in the fall of 1935, Kilgore College held classes  
8 for its inaugural 229-member student body at local public schools;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, Since its inception, this two-year junior college  
11 has served more than 150,000 students through a wide range of  
12 academic, continuing education, workforce development, and adult  
13 education programs; in addition to preparing university-bound  
14 students, the school offers training in such vocational fields as  
15 emergency medical response, nursing, law enforcement, and  
16 manufacturing technology; and

17           WHEREAS, Kilgore College operates a main campus in the city  
18 of Kilgore as well as an extension center in Longview, which serves  
19 an annual enrollment of about 5,000 students; ably led by its  
20 president, Dr. William Holda, Kilgore College is also home to the  
21 East Texas Oil Museum, an agriculture demonstration farm, and a  
22 number of cultural and athletic programs, including the well-known  
23 drill team, the Rangerettes; and

24           WHEREAS, Over the past eight decades, Kilgore College has

1 provided students with important opportunities in higher  
2 education, and in so doing, it has enriched the lives of countless  
3 Texans; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the 80th anniversary of the founding  
6 of Kilgore College and extend to its students, faculty, and staff  
7 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

8       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for Kilgore College as an expression of high regard by the  
10 Texas House of Representatives.

Clardy  
Simpson

H.R. No. 118

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 118 was adopted by the House on  
February 19, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House