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H.R. No. 118

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.