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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Proud residents of Kemah celebrated the 50th  
2 anniversary of the incorporation of their community on March 20,  
3 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Situated on a half-moon inlet of Galveston Bay at  
5 the entrance to Clear Lake, this picturesque waterfront community  
6 was known as Evergreen when it was established on the Texas and New  
7 Orleans Railroad in 1898; for a time, when the railroad was hauling  
8 large quantities of seashell out of the area, it was also known as  
9 Shell Siding; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1907, it was renamed Kemah, an Indian word that  
11 means "facing the wind," for the steady, refreshing breezes that  
12 blow off the Gulf of Mexico; in the 1920s, the town was a center for  
13 shrimping and the oil and ship-building industries, and from  
14 Prohibition until the 1950s, it enjoyed a lively reputation as the  
15 home of bootleggers and illegal casinos; and

16 WHEREAS, Incorporated in March 1965, Kemah thrives today as a  
17 getaway for residents of Houston and Galveston; a marina was  
18 constructed in the 1980s, and since 1997, the Kemah Boardwalk has  
19 drawn countless visitors with its family-friendly entertainment  
20 complex, featuring shops, restaurants, a boutique hotel, and  
21 fairground rides; and

22 WHEREAS, Blessed with a colorful history and a beautiful  
23 location on the Gulf of Mexico, the residents of Kemah may take  
24 great pride in their community as they work together to preserve its

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1 charm and build a bright future; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of the  
4 incorporation of Kemah and extend to its citizens sincere best  
5 wishes for continued success and happiness.