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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In 2016, the Madisonville Sidewalk Cattlemen's
2 Association is marking the 75th anniversary of its founding; and

3 WHEREAS, MSCA was established on March 25, 1941, by Dr. Jesse
4 B. Heath, who served as its inaugural president; the organization's
5 name was conceived from an article published earlier that year by
6 *Madisonville Meteor* editor Henry Fox, teasing local residents whom
7 he dubbed "sidewalk cattlemen" because they wore cowboy boots but
8 owned no cattle; the association soon adopted so-called boot
9 regulations, which stated all boot wearers within the city limits
10 must possess at least two head of cattle or else be dunked in the
11 horse trough on the courthouse lawn; that proud town tradition
12 continues to this day; and

13 WHEREAS, Since its inception, MSCA has expanded its scope to
14 benefit youth across Madison County, and it has hosted numerous
15 fund-raising events, including steak dinners, trail rides,
16 parades, queen's contests, stick-horse races, calf scrambles,
17 barbecue cook-offs, rodeos, and dances; to date, the organization
18 has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships to
19 area high school students; and

20 WHEREAS, Though it began as a tongue-in-cheek rejoinder to
21 the local "all boot, no cattle" crowd, the Madisonville Sidewalk
22 Cattlemen's Association has long been a significant force for good
23 in its community, and it is a pleasure to join in recognizing this
24 exemplary organization on this special milestone in its history;

1 now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
3 Legislature hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of the founding
4 of the Madisonville Sidewalk Cattlemen's Association and extend to
5 all those involved with the organization sincere best wishes for
6 the future; and, be it further

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