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H.R. No. 895

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 125th anniversary of the founding of the
2 community of Lindsay is being celebrated on March 25, 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, On that date in 1892, Lindsay's first Mass was
4 celebrated by Father Hugo Bardenhewer in the home of William
5 Flusche; this event represented the first true community gathering
6 of this German Catholic colony in Cooke County, and ever since,
7 residents of Lindsay have considered it the founding of their town;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Named for Judge J. M. Lindsay, the community was
10 established alongside the Gainesville, Henrietta, and Western
11 Railway in the location where a switching station had been built in
12 1887; settlement began after two German brothers, Anton and August
13 Flusche, signed several contracts in 1891 granting them 9,300 acres
14 of land in the area, and in October of that year, the first
15 colonists arrived; and

16 WHEREAS, A frame building was constructed to serve as
17 Lindsay's first church, and it was replaced by a brick sanctuary in
18 1903; that structure was destroyed by a tornado in 1917 but was
19 rebuilt two years later; the first school opened in 1893, and it was
20 run by the Sisters of Divine Providence until the system went public
21 in 1932; the town was officially incorporated in 1959; today,
22 Lindsay is home to about 1,000 residents, many of whom are
23 descendants of the enterprising men and women who established the
24 community in the early 1890s; and

1 WHEREAS, On this special occasion, the people of Lindsay may
2 indeed take great pride in their city's rich history as they look
3 forward to the opportunities that lie ahead; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
5 Legislature hereby commemorate the 125th anniversary of the
6 founding of Lindsay and extend to its citizens sincere best wishes
7 for the future; and, be it further

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