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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In 2018, the Nueces Electric Cooperative will
2 celebrate the 80th anniversary of its founding, and this is a
3 fitting opportunity to honor the history of this successful
4 nonprofit, member-owned electric utility; and

5 WHEREAS, In the years before World War II, South Texas was
6 still largely without electric power, and in 1938, leaders from
7 within the community came together to bring electricity to the
8 towns and farms of the area; as a result of their efforts, the
9 Nueces Electric Cooperative was chartered on December 7 of that
10 year, and by January 1940, the cooperative had nine employees and
11 355 members; and

12 WHEREAS, The co-op expanded following the end of WWII, and by
13 the 1950s, it had reached full coverage of its service area; by
14 1962, it had paid off its original loans, and throughout the 1990s,
15 it invested millions in rebuilding old lines; originally situated
16 in an office in Robstown, the utility has relocated twice over the
17 years to new and larger headquarters buildings, and since 2013, its
18 main offices have been located in a state-of-the-art facility in
19 Calallen, with member service centers in Ricardo, Orange Grove, and
20 Ben Bolt; and

21 WHEREAS, Today, Nueces Electric Cooperative and its 82
22 employees serve more than 19,000 electric meters in eight counties
23 along the Gulf Coast, and its affiliate, NEC Co-op Energy, sells
24 electricity to an additional 26,000 consumers across the state and

1 is the only electric cooperative in the competitive market; since
2 2008, the co-op has been under contract to maintain and operate the
3 electric utility infrastructure on the Naval Air Stations in
4 Kingsville and Corpus Christi, and in 2015, it built the first
5 community solar array in the Coastal Bend; and

6 WHEREAS, The co-op is an active supporter of such community
7 efforts as the Ramiro De La Paz Scholarship Program, the American
8 Cancer Society Relay for Life, and area livestock shows and county
9 fairs; moreover, its members have contributed more than \$1 million
10 to nonprofits in the region since 1997; and

11 WHEREAS, For eight decades, the Nueces Electric Cooperative
12 has played a vital role in the economy of South Texas by providing
13 area residents with reliable and affordable electric power; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
16 Legislature hereby commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Nueces
17 Electric Cooperative and extend to all those associated with the
18 co-op sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for the Nueces Electric Cooperative as an expression of
21 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.