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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of St. Peter's Parish in Lindsay are
2 marking a milestone in their history with the celebration of the
3 parish's 125th anniversary in 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, This venerable congregation traces its roots to the
5 early settlement of the Lindsay community by German Catholic
6 colonists in 1891; in January 1892, settlers began meeting in the
7 home of Anton Flusche to form a new parish; their first Mass took
8 place on March 25 of that year, and a small church building was
9 constructed soon thereafter; Sunday services began drawing strong
10 attendance from the nascent community, and under the leadership of
11 Father John Troxler, the parish set about constructing a larger
12 church; the new facility, St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, was
13 completed in 1903; and

14 WHEREAS, Disaster struck on May 31, 1917, when the church was
15 almost totally destroyed by a tornado, with only the apse, facade,
16 steeple, and three altars left in its ruins; the parishioners rose
17 to the challenge and, salvaging what remained of the old church,
18 completed the reconstruction by the fall of 1918; the church has
19 since weathered nearly a century of storms, and its pristine
20 condition today is a testament to the enormous effort that
21 parishioners have dedicated to its care and upkeep; the building
22 was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979; and

23 WHEREAS, Members of St. Peter's Church have benefited from
24 the efforts of many outstanding clergymen from the time of its

1 inception, and that tradition continues today under the leadership
2 of the Reverend Philip Petta; the church oversees numerous
3 ministries and encourages the work of volunteers to serve the
4 parish as well as the wider community; and

5 WHEREAS, Generations of area residents have looked to
6 St. Peter's Parish for inspiration, guidance, and fellowship over
7 the years, and it is a pleasure to join in recognizing this joyous
8 occasion in the life of their congregation; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
10 Legislature hereby commemorate the 125th anniversary of St. Peter's
11 Parish and extend to its parishioners sincere best wishes for the
12 future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the parish as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.