

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the citizens of The Colony on the 40th anniversary of the city's official incorporation; and

WHEREAS, The Colony traces its roots to the 1841 Peters Colony contract, the first empresario contract authorized by the legislature of the Republic of Texas; the Peters Colony contract was established to promote immigrant settlement in North Texas, and it designated land that included all or part of 26 modern counties; the contract brought approximately 1,800 families to the region, eight of whom settled in the area known today as The Colony; and

WHEREAS, The City of The Colony owes its eventual development to the construction of the Lake Lewisville Dam, which began collecting water in 1954, and to the founding of the small community of Eastvale, which was established in the 1960s along the lake's eastern shore; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, the Dallas-based residential land developer Fox and Jacobs purchased 2,500 acres of land along the shore of Lake Lewisville and south of Eastvale and designated the tract "The Colony" to memorialize the spirit of Peters Colony; by 1977, The Colony had more than 3,500 residents, and they voted to incorporate as a city; the Eastvale community consolidated with the city 10 years later; and

WHEREAS, Since its incorporation, The Colony has grown and has become a vibrant city that embraces conscientious growth and development while preserving natural green spaces; The Colony is a gem among North Texas communities, and the anniversary of its incorporation is indeed cause for celebration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend all who have helped The Colony grow and become the thriving scenic community it is today and congratulate them on the city's 40th anniversary; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the city as a memento of this anniversary.

Nelson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 24, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate