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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The Jasper-Lake Sam Rayburn Area Chamber of Commerce is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Under its first president, turpentine manufacturer L. M. Autrey, the chamber established its commitment to promoting local businesses, tourism, and economic development; today, the organization continues to advocate for the "Jewel of the Forest," as the city has been nicknamed, and it sparks the interest of prospective residents and businesses alike by focusing on the area's low cost of living, high quality of life, and great natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, The chamber has also contributed to the vibrancy of the community through its sponsorship of numerous activities and events; its Azalea Festival and Fall Butterfly Festival have grown over the course of many decades, becoming regional attractions; in more recent years, the Dam2Dam Bike Ride has drawn cyclists from across the state, and kayaking was added for the 15th annual race in 2018; moreover, the organization's signature event is the Chairman's Banquet that takes place every January; and

WHEREAS, Over the past century, the Jasper-Lake Sam Rayburn Area Chamber of Commerce has played an integral role in the growth and prosperity of the community, and the group is truly deserving of special recognition as it marks this momentous milestone in its history; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Jasper-Lake Sam Rayburn Area Chamber of Commerce and extend to the members of this noteworthy organization sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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