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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Alvin Community College is celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Approved by voters in the Alvin Independent School District in 1948, the college was first administered by district officials; it initially operated as part of Alvin High School, serving 134 students in grades 11 through 14; later, a separate facility was built for college-level academic work, and additional faculty members were hired; the standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools were met in 1959, and Alvin Community College moved to its present campus in 1963; and

WHEREAS, A separate administration, tax district, and college board were established in the 1971-1972 academic year for the newly created Alvin Junior College District; a few years later, citizens voted to almost double the geographical size of the district, and in 1975, voters approved an $8 million bond issue to meet the demands of growing enrollment; the service area was expanded further in 1998 with the founding of the Pearland Center, and in 2005, a nearly $20 million bond issue was approved to provide for a new science/health science building; continuing its partnership with the Pearland Independent School District, the college provides classes at Robert Turner College and Career High School; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, the college achieved a record high enrollment of more than 5,800, and it now offers courses at 15 different locations; designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education, it is also one of 67 colleges in the country included in the Second Chance Pell pilot program; moreover, on four occasions, it has been named among the nation's top 150 community colleges by the Aspen Institute; and

WHEREAS, Over the past seven decades, Alvin Community College has played a vital role in the community, providing students with the educational resources required to build a bright and prosperous future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby commemorate the 70th anniversary of Alvin Community College and extend to all those associated with this noteworthy institution sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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