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(King of Hemphill)

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The art form of mosaic is a 6,000-year-old technique in which small pieces of glass, stone, or other materials are used to create a pattern or a mural; and

WHEREAS, In the City of Levelland, artists have used this ancient art form to portray a visual history of Hockley County and to tell the story of its people and their achievements; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, Don Stroud, then an art professor at South Plains College, created and installed the first mosaic work in Levelland; the piece was made with glass tiles, which he had acquired in Mexico, and he and his children installed the mosaic, entitled *Wild Mustangs*, in the Fine Arts Building at the college; and

WHEREAS, In the years since, additional mosaic works by Don Stroud and other talented artists have been installed at the college and at locations throughout the city; pieces like *Hockley County: Past to Present* and *Land of Soil, Oil, and Education*, as well as *Hockley County Schools* and *Your Children's Children*, recount the area's history, and such works as *Tree of Life*, *Arms of Care*, and *New Morning* celebrate the significant roles that the medical profession and educational institutions play in the community; and

WHEREAS, Today, Levelland is home to 13 of these distinctive murals, which have engaged the citizenry and raised interest in the arts and culture; local artists and city officials have worked diligently to ensure that the mosaics are kept in pristine condition, and a self-guided tour of the mosaics is a popular activity for residents and visitors to the city; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Levelland has become known throughout the area as the City of Mosaics due to the many captivating mosaic murals that adorn the city's landscape; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby designate Levelland as the official City of Mosaics of Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 391.003(e), Government Code, this designation remain in effect until the 10th anniversary of its designation.