

By: White

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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

11           WHEREAS, The chamber has also contributed to the vibrancy of  
12 the community through its sponsorship of numerous activities and  
13 events; its Azalea Festival and Fall Butterfly Festival have grown  
14 over the course of many decades, becoming regional attractions; in  
15 more recent years, the Dam2Dam Bike Ride has drawn cyclists from  
16 across the state, and kayaking was added for the 15th annual race in  
17 2018; moreover, the organization's signature event is the  
18 Chairman's Banquet that takes place every January; and

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

24           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the  
2 Jasper-Lake Sam Rayburn Area Chamber of Commerce and extend to the  
3 members of this noteworthy organization sincere best wishes for  
4 continued success; and, be it further

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